



**Title:** Acorn Pond

**Grade:** K-2

**Overview:** It's spring at Acorn Pond! And summer, autumn, and winter too! Here students see plants and animals as they appear throughout the year, hearing facts about animal growth and behavior. A "Field Notebook" with sketches and interesting information can be printed. Acorn Pond is modeled after a real pond in the upper Midwest of the United States.

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**My Learning Objectives:**

Identify animals by attributes and habitat

Recognize seasonal changes

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**DISCOVER MODE**

1. Click the window with the pond to enter Acorn Pond from the Main Room.
2. Springtime at Acorn Pond appears.
3. Click the pictures on the screen to explore Acorn Pond.
4. To explore Acorn Pond in another season, click Spring, Summer, Autumn, or Winter.
5. Click anywhere on the water to discover what is in the pond. Then, click a plant or an animal to see an animation or to hear information.
6. Click any animal and then click the Field Notebook to see notes about that animal. To see notes about other animals, click the left or right arrow.
7. Adults may want to read the Field Notebook to children who are not yet reading. It contains interesting facts and helpful sketches.
8. Click the printer to print the notes shown. Once printed, the notes can be colored and used as posters. Or, staple several pages of printed notes together to make a booklet.
9. Click the closed field notebook to close the Field Notebook and return to Acorn Pond.
10. Click the character in the picture frame for Question and Answer Mode, or click Sammy to return to the Main Room.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER MODE**

1. Click the character in the picture frame to enter Question and Answer Mode.
2. Olivia, the owl, asks you a question about one of the pond animals, for example: "Whooo lays eggs?"
3. Click an animal to answer the question. If you forget the question, click Olivia.
  - If you answer correctly, Olivia tells you; for example, "Right. The robin lays eggs."
  - If you answer incorrectly, Olivia repeats the question, and you can try again.
4. To hear questions about the animals of Acorn Pond in another season, click Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter.
5. Click the empty picture frame for Discover Mode, or click Sammy to return to the Main Room.

