

Nat Theo Club

FIELD NOTES

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Wildlife and Roads

Caring for Creation

HABITAT

Roads run along grassy meadows, forests, streams, and neighborhoods.

HIGHWAYS

Cars and trucks move fast on highways so people can get places quickly. At night, animals come near highways because they like to eat the short grass when it's cooler. Other animals come to hunt small animals, like mice, that live in the grass.



WHAT WILDLIFE HAVE YOU SEEN NEAR ROADS?

As a child, I felt very sad when I saw an animal that had been hit by a car. Sometimes I would cry and didn't want to look. I didn't understand why this had happened. As I grew up, I learned that God gave me a heart of kindness for animals and for people. He wants me to help take care of His creation.

Now that I am older, I try to help animals around me. If I see an animal near the road, I slow down my car just in case they decide to run across the road. I have stopped my car to rescue several box turtles and even snapping turtles in the road (always move them the way they are going). I have waited for squirrels to figure out which way to run or a snake to slither across. At home, I have helped little birds that hit the window and needed time to rest. I know that I can't save every animal, but I can help some.

Animals are amazing, and they remind me of how wonderful God's creation is. When I think about all God has made, I remember this beautiful hymn:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

Matthew 10:29 says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." God cares about every little bird He made—even when they die. Psalm 145:9 says, "The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." God cares about every creature.

In Matthew 6:26, it says you are even more important to God than the birds. He sees every tear you cry and cares when you're sad. God loves you more than all the animals. You are very special to Him.