

# MAINE AUDUBON NATURE EXPLORER BACKPACK BORROWING AGREEMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that the Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Backpack can only be checked out by a member of the Thomaston Public Library who is in good standing. If the patron is under age 16, a parent or guardian must also sign the agreement.
- LOAN PERIOD: I understand that the loan period is for 2 weeks with no renewals. If the backpack is not returned within one week of its due date, I will be charged the full replacement costs detailed below.
- LIABILITY: I accept full responsibility for the backpack and accessories while checked out to me including liability for repair or replacement costs if the backpack or accessories are damaged, lost, or stolen while checked out to me.
  - You will not be charge for replacement costs for the use of items that need to be restocked after each checkout, including the blank paper, nature journaling template, track or bird checklist, or the survey.
  - You will not be charge for reasonable use of the colored pencils & crayons.
- Any costs incurred will be added to my library record and all privileges to borrow library materials will be suspended until the debt is paid in full to the Thomaston Public Library.

Please initial next to Nature Explorer Backpack you are borrowing to acknowledge you are aware of the replacement cost:

Total Value of Plants Backpack: \$97.85 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Birds Backpack: \$172.29 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Wildlife Backpack: \$139.79 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Borrowed \_\_\_\_\_

Borrower's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature if borrower is under age 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Library Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Returned \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_

# Backpack Inventory

## Included in each backpack

- Pencil Pouch, containing 12 colored pencils, pencil, pencil sharpener, \$7.00
- User Guide, \$2.00:
  - Introduction
  - Exploring Nature Together: Tips for Families
  - Using your smartphone to connect to nature
- Lapboard, \$2.00
- L.L. Bean Original Backpack, \$36.95
  - Nature Journaling Template
  - Blank Paper
  - Survey

## Birds Backpack

- User Guide, pack-specific:
  - Explore: Birds
  - Read: Birds
  - Take Action: Birds
  - Activity Ideas: Bird Photo Cards
  - Activity Idea: Build a Nest
  - Birds of Maine Checklist
- Look up! Birdwatching in Your Own Backyard - Annette LeBlanc Cate, \$15.99
- Sibley East by David Sibley, \$19.95
- Birds of Maine by Stan Tekiela, \$13.95
- Tasco Essentials 8x42 binoculars (w/case), \$50.00
- Wooden dual 5x and 10x magnifier (w/case), \$12.50
- Audubon bird call, \$8.95
- Bird photo cards, \$2.00 [Winter: 2 x 17 birds (34 total), other seasons: 2 x 23 birds (46 total)]
- Nest photo cards, \$1.00 (6 cards)

## Plants Backpack

- User Guide, pack-specific:
  - Explore: Plants
  - Read: Plants
  - Take Action: Plants
  - Activity Idea: Color Hunt
  - Activity Idea: Bark and Leaf Rubbings
  - Illustrated Glossary of Leaf Shapes
- Forest Trees of Maine - Maine Forest Service, \$15.00
- Pocket Naturalist Guide: New England Trees & Wildflowers, \$7.95
- Take-Along Guide: Berries, Nuts, and Seeds, \$7.95
- Wooden dual 5x and 10x magnifier (w/case), \$12.50
- Specimen box with magnifying lid, \$4.50
- Sorting Sheet, \$2.00
- Paint Chips
- Crayons (8)

## Wildlife Backpack

- User Guide, pack-specific:
  - Explore: Wildlife
  - Read: Wildlife
  - Take Action: Wildlife
  - Activity Idea: Make a Pitfall Trap
  - Activity Idea: Animal Track Rubber Stamps
  - Maine Animal Tracks
- Falcon Guide to Scats and Tracks of the Northeast - James C. Halfpenny, PhD., Jim Bruchac, Todd Telander, \$12.95
- Kaufman Guide to New England - Kenn & Kimberly Kaufman, \$22.00
- Pocket Naturalist Guide: Maine Wildlife - Kavanagh/Leung, \$7.95
- Pocket Naturalist Guide: Bugs and Slugs - Kavanagh/Leung, \$7.95 (not included in winter)
- Wooden Dual 5x and 10x magnifier (w/case), \$12.50
- Specimen Box with magnifying lid \$4.50,
- Plastic Trowel, \$4.00
- Plastic container with lid Animal Track Rubber Stamps (w/inkpad) (18 stamps), \$19.99