

You Kill It, You Eat It

This is a set of flash cards that teaches about the environmental importance of animals. It is based on a campaign started by Adelina Schutt, who saw children killing animals for no reason. She taught the kids that the only reason to kill an animal is for food and so, "You Kill It, You Eat It."

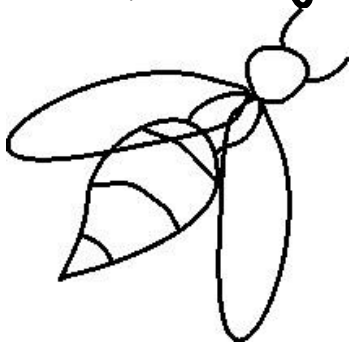
When school children visited Curú, she would take them on a hike and tell them not to step on ants or bother crabs because they play important roles in the ecosystem. When she visited town, she would remind kids, "If you kill it, you need to eat it."

It became a popular saying among the children, cautioning other to not needlessly take the lives of animals they saw. Many years later, it was taught to the next generation as young parents began saying it to their own children.

Print out the cards and cut them along the row lines and fold in half.

Children can learn the English and Spanish names for animals and how each is valuable in the environment.

Bee, Abeja



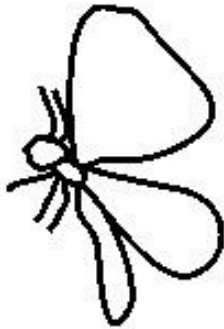
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Bee Abeja

Bees are pollinators, they also help build homes for other animals, and they make honey!!!

Let them live!

Butterfly, Mariposa



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Butterflies are not only beautiful, they are pollinators, eat unwanted plants and can be food for other animals.

Let them live!

Mosquito, Zancudo



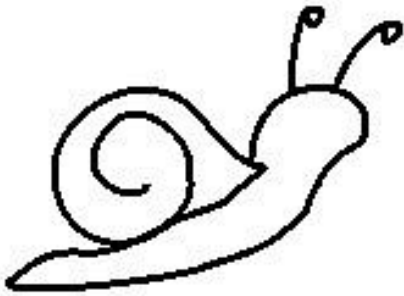
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Mosquito, Zancudo

Mosquitos are food for other animals and are pollinators.

Let them live
(Unless they try to bite you!)

Snail, Caracol



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Snails eat rotting plants, they let air into the soil, and make food in the soil for plants.

Let them live!

Crab, Cangrejo



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Crabs eat seeds, thinning common plants and helping rare plants. They help the soil feed plants. They are food for other animals.

Let them live!

Mouse, Ratón



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Mice are food for other animals. They may help disperse seeds

Let them live!

Hummingbird
Chupa Rosa



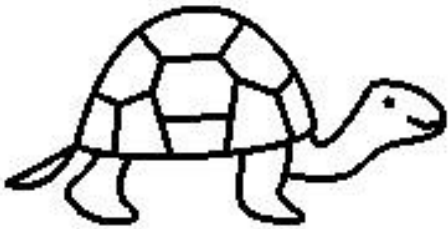
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Hummingbirds pollinate nectar-making plants that insects cannot.

Let them live!

Turtle, Tortuga



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Sea turtles help sea grass and coral stay healthy. Land turtles help the soil stay healthy for plants.

Let them live!

Squirrel, Ardilla



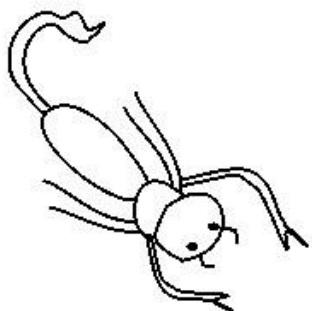
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Squirrel, Ardilla

Squirrels move seeds around, keeping forests healthy and diverse.

Let them live!

Scorpion, Alecran



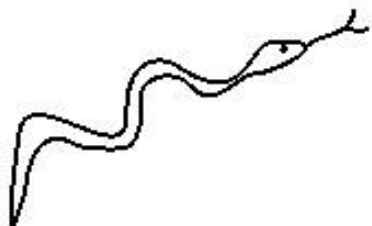
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Scorpion, Alecran

Scorpions eat pest insects.
They need their stingers and
cannot defend themselves if you
cut off their tail.

Let them live!

Snake, Culebra



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Snake, Culebra

Snakes help control pest and
prey animal populations in
balance. Even poisonous snakes
are good. Just avoid them or
have someone move them away
if they are too close.

Let them live!

Grasshoppers, Chapulin



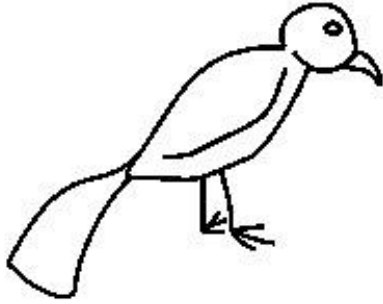
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Grasshoppers, Chapulin

Crickets are food for birds and
other animals, and they help
they soils be healthy for plants.

Let them live!

Bird, Ave



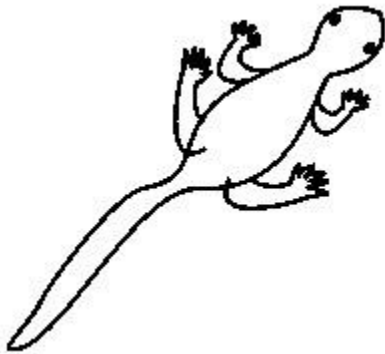
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Bird, Ave

Birds disperse seeds to make the environment more diverse. Birds are pollinators and they eat insects.

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Lizard, Garrobo



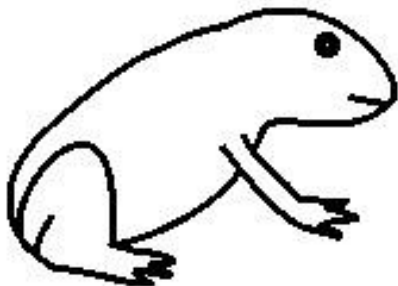
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Lizard, Garrobo

Lizards control pest insects and small mammals, some disperse seeds, and some are even pollinators. They are also food for bigger animals.

Let them live!

Frog, Rana



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Frogs eat many bad insects, including mosquitos. The tadpoles eat algae, which keep ponds and lakes healthy. They are food for other animals.

Let them live!

Learn More:

Bees: <https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/about/the-importance-of-bees.html>