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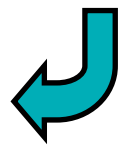
Become a junior scientist, exploring the natural world, asking questions, and making discoveries. Join us for an adventure that will take you outdoors, around the house, and into the incredible Sonoran Desert. Welcome to Conservancy Kids! We're excited to see you!

What is a Habitat?

Habitat is another word for a living thing's home or natural environment. If you live in the Phoenix Valley, your habitat is the Sonoran Desert. The Sonoran Desert is pretty big (about 100,000 square miles), but you can also look for organisms in smaller places called microhabitats.



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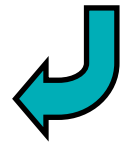


Exploring Microhabitats

Join Nicole and Taylor as they talk more about what a microhabitat is, why they're important, and where you can look for microhabitats around your own home!



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Where can you find microhabitats?

The weather is slowly cooling down, and as it does, we hope you'll start heading outside again to explore the outdoors! A fun place to start is searching for microhabitats around your home and neighborhood. So where can you start looking?*

- puddles
- under rocks and fallen leaves
- on or around trees
- gardens (either your own or a community garden)
- in the grass
- under bushes

Since we're looking at small things, use a magnifying glass to help you see even more of what's happening in these microhabitats.

*Use a long stick or kitchen tongs to lift things like leaves, rocks, and bushes where you can't see what's underneath. Remember to be safe and respect all the living things you find!

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Nicole Kallman, Education Manager

Nicole loves science and exploration. In college, she studied physics and biology. Now, she shares her excitement about science with others, encouraging everyone to follow in the footsteps of Miss Frizzle: "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"

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