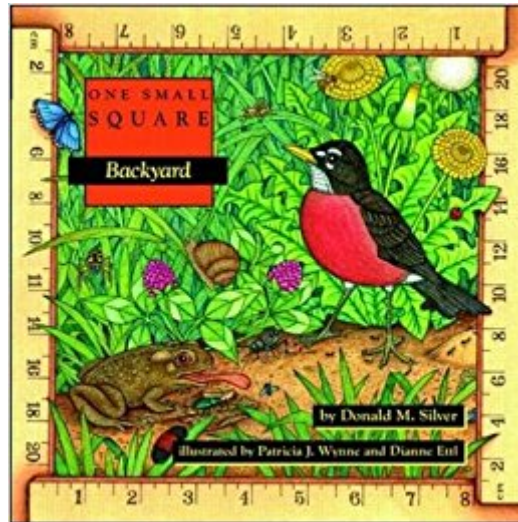




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# Backyard



## Synopsis

An exciting journey of science discovery is as near as your own backyard. Just one small square is alive with creepers and crawlers, lifters and leapers, singers, buzzers, climbers, builders, and recyclers. Backyard invites children ages 7 and up to become nature lovers by looking, listening, touching, and smelling the world from the ground up! From the unique One Small Square series of science activity books. . .where children can explore exotic and familiar ecosystems in detail, one small square at a time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Filled with an assortment of the plants, animals and insects found in the Northeast quadrant of the United States, Silver's backyard is a happening place--"alive with creepers and crawlers, lifters and leapers, movers and mixers . . . builders, buriers, and recyclers." By advising naturalists to focus on a single square meter of their own yards, the book lends immediate confidence and helps readers to value their own observations, discoveries and conclusions. Silver teaches youngsters to use their senses, along with simple, inexpensive tools, to hunt for tunnels bored in bark, to spy out snow fleas, to measure the distance between bud scales to know how fast a plant grows and to analyze droppings. The book mingles standard field exercises (growing mold, making leaf rubbings, catching

animal tracks) with a reach of knowledge extensive enough to allow readers to extract what they need. So much information is provided, in fact, that despite the author's emphasis on experimentation, this book remains more of a reference text than a guide to discovery. Still, the combination of humorous, scientifically grounded text with detailed, realistic drawings will pique the interest of armchair naturalists and active explorers alike. A companion volume, *One Small Square: Seashore*, also by Silver and Wynne, will be released simultaneously. Ages 7-12. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A voyage of scientific discovery is as near as your own backyard. There you'll find a busy hub, full of creepers and crawlers, lifters and leapers, singers, buzzers, climbers, builders, and recyclers. It's a place where children can smell, listen, look, and get a hands-on feel for life--all in one small square of land and air. *Backyard* is just one of the exciting, vibrantly illustrated volumes in the critically acclaimed *One Small Square* series of science and nature books for children ages 7 and up. Each book includes: Stunning full-color illustrations of each habitat and its creatures; Motivating experiments and activities, along with clear, diagrammed instructions and safety tips; A picture field guide to the habitat; a glossary-index and resource list. *One Small Square*--an eye-opening series originally published in hardcover--puts the whole world in perspective for children, one small square at a time. Each book is a thrilling, up-close encounter with mammals, insects, plants, birds, fish, amphibians, bacteria, and the ecosystems in which they live. "Science education at its best."--*Science Books and Films*. Donald M. Silver is the author of more than 40 science books for children and teachers alike. In addition to the award-winning *One Small Square* series, he has written *The Animal World*, *Why Save the Rain Forest?*, *Extinction Is Forever*, and *The Dinosaur Activity Book*--all illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne.

Love this book! I have read through it and can't wait to do the activities with my kids! Can't wait to get the other books in this collection!

These books are such a gem for children and parents searching to bring home the wonder of nature. This book is wonderfully illustrated and the text is easy to read and understand. The idea is truly inspiring and for those of you doing a Charlotte Mason style homeschool will find these a great resource to get nature study in and doable. Love them!

Wonderful item. Great for summer program and our before and after school activity kits. We

combined it with other items related so they could take it with them on trips.

As a teacher, I have found this to be an important addition to the classroom. The students loved flipping through this book before we began "One Small Square" exploring activities on the playground. This book is a great resource if you have read "A Place for Wonder" by Heard and McDonough, and are incorporating the "One Small Square" activity into your curriculum. Kids can use this book to understand what they might observe in their construction paper square while they explore the playground and various other places. There is also a section in the book where students can identify bugs and plants they have found in their squares. This is also a great book to read and return to while writing nonfiction pieces with students.

This is a beautiful book. I highly recommend it for developing an appreciation for nature. The illustrations are stunning. I have purchased most of the books in this series and highly recommend them all.

This is a beautiful book and my 8 year old daughter refers to it occasionally, but I think that because so many of the animals in it are never seen in Sydney, Australia my children aren't really into this book. It hasn't inspired them to get into the garden and look around.

My son is loving this book!

Great

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