

Kids Summer Reading Going Wild 4

1. Killer Fish [DB021841](#)

- Introduces thirteen dangerous sea creatures and describes how they kill by biting, stinging, shocking, or grabbing. For grades 3-6.

2. The Rain Forest: What Lives Here [DB012674](#)

- Glimpse of exotic plants and animals that flourish in a tropical African rain forest. For grades 3-6.

3. Hidden Messages [DB019587](#)

- Describes Ben Franklin's little-known experiments with ant communications and the subsequent scientific discovery of odors by which animals do indeed convey messages. For grades 3-6.

4. How Animals Communicate [DB012448](#)

- Dramatic examples show how and why animals communicate. Includes smell signals, visual signals, touch signals, and sound signals. For grades 3-6.

5. Lesser Spotted Animals [DB087523](#)

- A collection of amazing yet often lesser-known animals. Includes an Australian termite-eating creature called a numbat and a giant guar, which is bigger than a bull and whose bellow can be heard from a mile away. For grades 3-6.

6. The Hidden Life of a Toad [DB088920](#)

- An overview of the life cycle of the American toad, from egg to tadpole to adult. For grades K-3.

7. Apex Predators: World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present [DB088279](#)

- Explores some of the most powerful and deadly predators that have existed on this planet. Some of these nightmarish creatures are now extinct, such as the flightless terror bird that was ten feet tall and the strange shrimp that was six-and-half-feet long. For grades K-3.

8. Praying Mantises [DBC06793](#)

- Praying mantises are insects that blend into a landscape of leaves, grass and trees. They attack grasshoppers, spiders and sometimes even birds and lizards. They will even attack other mantises. For grades K-3.

9. Black Widow Spiders [DBC06788](#)

- Black widow spiders are known for their red mark on their bellies and a poisonous bite. They build webs near the ground. The webs trap insects like mosquitoes and grasshoppers, and then the spiders use their fangs to eat. For grades K-3.

10. Charles Darwin's Around-the-World Adventure [DB086752](#)

- Short biography of naturalist Charles Darwin, tracing his exploratory adventures around South America aboard the HMS Beagle in 1831. Darwin's collection of

insects, fossils, and animal specimens, along with his observations of the natural world, would change how the world viewed evolution. For grades K-3.