



UNTAMED S2E5: Backyard Habitats

Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are designed to be used as a resource that inspires conversation, critical thinking, and promotes a “big picture” understanding of topics covered in each episode. Questions may be answered individually, or out loud in a group setting. Key terms and vocabulary that will help educators and students engage in discussion include:

[Habitat, environment, living vs non-living, food, water, shelter, space, coexist]

The following questions are best used when paired with a complete viewing of the full episode, and may be more suitable for advanced levels:

1. Is creating a backyard wildlife habitat more beneficial in some places compared to others? If so, how?
2. How might the abundance (or lack) of resources in your region affect wildlife making use of a backyard habitat?
3. Some organizations offer a certification to make backyard wildlife habitats official. Aside from food, water, shelter, and space, is there anything you would add to a backyard wildlife habitat “checklist”?
4. Backyard wildlife habitats can result in wildlife living in closer proximity to humans, and a large number of wildlife injuries are directly related to human interaction. What things could you do in your backyard wildlife habitat to reduce the chance of wildlife becoming injured?
5. Are there benefits to sharing space with wildlife?

The following questions are best used when paired with a viewing of “Lead: In (About) Two Minutes”, a synopsis of the major themes and key topics covered in the full episode, that may be more suitable for younger audiences:

1. Think about *your* habitat. Where do you find food each day? Water? Shelter?

2. What would happen if too many animals were trying to live in the same space at the same time?
3. Think about the wild animals you might see in your area. Would those animals be able to survive in different habitats very easily?