

Critters in your Backyard



What did you use to make this project?

I used the following things:

- A computer with internet access
- A platform to develop websites (Weebly)
- A backyard
- Paper
- Tape
- Tofu containers

What is my YEC project about?

My project about informing the community on organisms in our gardens, and what beneficial role they play, by making a website. In addition to that, I did a home experiment of making a small terrarium like home for woodlice.

What skills did you use or learn while making this project.

During the making of my project, I have learnt a variety of things that I should take into consideration. I have learnt that its best being patient and let nature take its place, rather than trying to play as a god. In addition, I learnt many things I didn't know about critters in my backyard.



How does this include your community?

It involves the community, as I have made a website to advise the fact that there are creatures in your garden.

What challenges did you face while making this project?

A challenge I faced was that I was quite daunted at the fact that I didn't know how to have a community involved in a home based project, therefore I made a website. Another challenge was deciding on the critters to focus on.



Jay - Backyard critter investigation

What was your goal and what did you achieve this year?

I wanted to get our community to know about bugs and critters in your garden and backyards, and what beneficial role they play. This was an independent home-based project. I made a terrarium to house the critters I found and I also made a website which is public to let the community know more. Renovating the terrarium was my biggest success. It started off as a jar in the early stages and there was a problem with mould developing - the slaters weren't eating it - so I had to renovate it and I now have it set up in a tofu container.

Next steps

I'll continue doing it at home because it's a passion.

What have you enjoyed most?

Getting outside and developing the terrarium, and interacting with nature and the bugs and critters.

Your advice to other students?

I would advise them to keep renovating their terrariums and share their critter information so more people know.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Jay's words and opinions.