



Plantitas, Bugs, Birds & Animalitos Who Call My Acequia Home

Our acequias hold the water which lets beautiful flowers, grasses, trees, medicine plants, and more grow around them. These important plants then help make a home for all types of bugs, birds and animals to live near and visit the acequia! For this reason, we say that our acequias help create a healthy “ecosystem”.

**“Ecosystem” = a community of animals, plants, insects, people & other living things, plus their environment (like water, rocks, light, air, soil)
- that all work together & depend on each other.**

Instructions:

1. Grab a pen, pencil, colored pencils or other favorite drawing and writing tools!
2. Ask a family member or guardian to come with you, or at least be sure to tell them where you are going.
3. Find a comfy place to sit near your acequia or garden. Be sure to look around before you sit so you don't squash any bugs or ouchy plants.
4. Stay as still and quiet as possible for 5 to 10 minutes.
5. Watch for (“observe”) all of the different plants that are growing, and the bugs, birds and animals that come near your acequia or garden.
6. Use the spaces below to **WRITE** some of the things you see, hear, smell, or notice!
7. Use the spaces on the back of the paper to **DRAW** pictures of some of the things you see, hear, smell or notice!
8. **BONUS** - notes or drawings that show how they work together and depend on each other.

WRITE - What I See/Hear/Smell/Notice:

Draw - What I See/Hear/Smell/Notice:
