

# Conservation

## Get Outdoors!

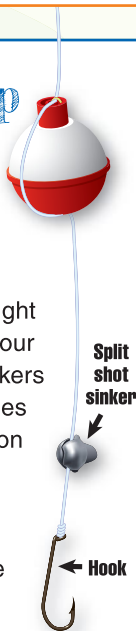
Whenever it snows, look around a park or in the woods to find evidence of wildlife. Things you might find are tracks in the snow, food leftovers, or animal droppings. See if you can identify which animals left any tracks you can find.

## Hunting Tip

A successful hunt takes preparation. Some things you can do are study the laws, scout where you are going, practice using your gun or bow, and make sure to have the correct licenses. You can ask someone older to help you with these things.

## Fishing Tip

Use a sinker to hold your bait down in the water, because the hook and fishing line are not heavy enough. The extra weight also helps in casting your bait into the water. Sinkers come in different shapes and sizes. One common type of sinker is called a split shot, which is a round ball of metal with a groove in it. The fishing line is placed in the groove, and the sinker is squeezed together to grip the line. But not too tight!



# for Kids!

## Word Search: Oklahoma Waterfowl

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Find the names of these waterfowl that can be seen in Oklahoma:

Gadwall	Pintail	Gallinule	Goldeneye
Rail	Wigeon	Mallard	Canada goose
Canvasback	Bluewing teal	Bufflehead	Snow goose
Scaup	Redhead	Egret	Heron
Grebe	Coot		

## Some COOL FACTS about Bald Eagles:

- Became the national bird of the United States in 1782.
- The only eagle unique to North America.
  - Main diet is fish that they catch or find dead.
  - Normally found around bodies of water.
  - Eye is about the size of a person's, but its vision is four times better than people's.
  - Juvenile bald eagles have brown and white mixed feathers.
  - Does not sweat, so they prefer colder climates.
  - Can live past 45 years in captivity, but its lifespan in nature is 15 to 20 years.
  - Was removed from the list of endangered and threatened species in 2007 after almost 30 years.
  - Most bald eagles migrate south in the winter and back north in the summer.
  - Builds a large nest of sticks, called eyries, that can be 5 feet wide.



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Here's an eagle's nest

## Color a Critter: Bald Eagle

