



Backyard and Beyond

Patterns in Nature

Nature is filled with patterns! Patterns are everywhere and can even be found among things that are seemingly very different – from seashells and pinecones to trees and rivers. Head outside and see how many of the following patterns you can find!

- Spirals (like in pinecones)
- Concentric circles (like the rings in tree stumps)
- Star or starbursts (like in some flowers)
- Branching (like in bushes)
- Spheres/balls (like some seeds)

What other patterns can you find?

Can you hear sound patterns? Listen to the birds chirp.

Can you watch movement patterns? Watch the wind blow ripples on water.

