

# SOUND MAPS

Use other senses

## WHAT YOU NEED

1. Nature journal or some paper
2. Pen or pencil
3. A space where you can sit safely and observe some animals

## OPTIONAL

Coloured pencils, crayons



## METHOD

Sounds can be hard to describe, something like a phone we can say 'ring ring,' but is that really the sound it makes? When you're in nature you hear a lot of sounds, they can be difficult to describe.

1. Find a space where you can sit safely, remove yourself from any distractions and engage with the world around you
2. Draw a small X in the centre of your page to represent you, then anywhere around you and maybe an arrow to indicate the direction you are facing.
3. You are now looking at a sound map, on the page, mark the direction that different sounds are coming from and whether they are near or far as indicated by the the X on your page. Sounds can be described using lines or symbols, anything that the sound reminds you of, also whether it was loud or quiet
4. You don't need to draw the thing that is making the sound and if you don't know you might want to imagine what it is.



## WRITING PROMPT:

What interesting sounds did you hear? Where were they coming from? What is happening out of sight that you don't know about?

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