



## Eco-Schools USA School Grounds Audit



### Learning Objectives

- To investigate school grounds use and identify ways to green the space.
- To record and analyze school grounds data.

### Curriculum Links

English, Science, Mathematics, Geography, Citizenship

### Eco-Schools USA Pathways

School Grounds, Water, Energy, Climate Change, Green Hour

The sample School Grounds Audit was developed as a tool for students to investigate school ground use and to be used as a basis for improving the habitat at school. Many of the questions will require the assistance of school staff, including facility managers.

A full Schoolyard Habitat How-To Guide is available at <http://www.nwf.org/schoolyard/howtoguide.cfm>

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Does the school contain all four wildlife habitat requirements (food, water, shelter, places to raise young?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the school grounds free from herbicides or pesticides?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there plenty of things for climbing and balancing on, and jumping and swinging from?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there quiet, shaded places to sit and talk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Are there lots of different surfaces and materials to feel, touch and explore?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there murals, mosaics or other artworks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there games painted on the playground?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have a pond or a marshy area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have a log pile?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have a meadow?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have a hedgerow or shrubs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have trees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have bird boxes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have a bird feeding station?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the school grounds used for learning and teaching?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are native plants used in the school grounds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do the school grounds utilize drip irrigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No