

# FOR-MAR FIELD NOTES

## Earth Day Edition

### WELCOME TO FOR-MAR FIELD NOTES

ForMar is bringing back a favorite tradition from the '70s, '80s, and 90s in an updated and online-friendly form. Field Notes was a monthly publication mailed to ForMar visitors until it became too costly to do so. It contained articles about the environment, creature features, and quizzes as well as upcoming events. This re-issued edition contains a popular feature from the older publication: "Did You Know?"

### SPECIAL EARTH DAY EDITIONS

April is earth day month! For 4 weeks, we challenge everyone to select one or all of the ideas presented here to help Mother Earth. Come back each week for a new a list of actions and activities for individuals and families.

#### Crafting Idea Recycled Milk Jug Watering Can

##### Materials needed

Clean plastic milk jug  
Small nail, and hammer, or drill  
Waterproof markers, or foam stickers for labels and decorations

##### Directions

Drill or punch holes into the cap. (5 to 8)  
Make hole in the handle to vent and let water run evenly. Or no hole and slow the process.  
Decorate as desired.  
Fill to the vent hole with water.  
Water plants!



### TAKE ACTION!

Do not put plastic film, wrap and bags in curbside recycling. It can clog the machines. Recycle them with grocery bags.

Most grocers and large retailers now accept plastic bags, wrap, and film for recycling.

Instead of the dryer, line dry at least one type of clothing – underwear, sheets, socks—each week.

## Did You Know . . .

1. . . . dragonfly larva must sometimes shed its skin 30 times underwater before maturing?
2. . . . the elephant is the only mammal with 4 knees?
3. . . . when a female weevil finds a nut, she turns circles around it, drilling a hole with her long snout? Once hallowed out, she lays an egg in it?
4. . . . after mating, the male mayfly dies? The female lives just long enough to lay her eggs?
5. . . . A moose's antlers can grow 6.4 feet in just 14 weeks?
6. . . . another name for a flying squirrel is a "fairy diddle".
7. . . . the tiny spring peeper frog has been known to jump 120 times in a row! (How many times can you hop without stopping?)
8. . . . the hairy-winged beetle is much smaller than the period under this question mark?
9. . . . a pinch of soil holds as many as 100 million of the world's tiniest plants . . . bacteria?
10. . . . dragonfly's huge eyes have more than 28,000 seeing parts?

(from ForMar Field Notes, Spring 1985)

## Recycling

Get to know Gladys, Carlos, Frank, and all the Michigan's Recycling Raccoons on Facebook or their website. Each one specializes in each recycling area and here are their 3 Top Recycling Rules:

### The Raccoons' Top Three Recycling Rules

1. Rinse and empty all plastic
2. Rinse and empty glass and metal containers
3. Flatten all cardboard

<https://recyclingraccoons.org/>

### Notes From Nicole! Park Naturalist

Hope you enjoyed *For-Mar Field Notes!* Watch for the next 3 week's special editions. If you have any comments or suggestions for topics please let us know. [nferguson@gcparks.org](mailto:nferguson@gcparks.org).

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