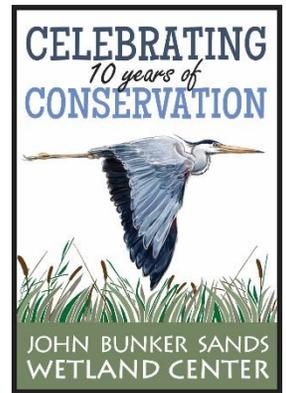


# JBS in Your Backyard

## All the Colors of the Rainbow



**Activity:** Color Chips/Rainbow Chips

- Goals:**
1. To help students become more aware of their sense of sight through observation.
  2. To help students learn to appreciate the smaller things in nature through the questioning of what they find.

**Equipment:** Color tiles from countertop store, paint square samples, crayons or squares of different colors of construction paper.

**Duration:** This activity is a good one to use as an introduction to other observation activities, when in transition to another location and can be done until interest wanes.

**Directions:** Pass out a color chip to every student. As the students are walking/observing, have them look for as many things as they can that match their color. When they find something, have them share it with the people around them. As the leader, yell out that you see this or that color on the right or left to help some of those who may be having a difficult time. Remind them that they may need to look up and to the sides to see their color, not just on the ground. Don't pass out the chips until you have given the directions, or their attention will be elsewhere when trying to explain the activity.

**Review:** To end the activity, collect the chips and ask the students how many different things they found that were their color. Was anyone surprised at all the colors found? Explain that when we are out in nature there are many things we miss seeing because they are small. We need to train our eyes to see them.

- Extensions:**
1. Have students record the number of items they find for several colors and create a graph showing their results. This is a perfect time to talk about collecting, recording and analyzing data.
  2. Have students pick one of each of the items and make a collage. Press the items that can be pressed. After two weeks, put them between two sheets of contact paper or laminate them and make a bookmark, put in a picture frame, etc.
  3. Extend the lesson by going into a deeper lesson about rainbows. This is a perfect introductory activity.

