



February Topic: **FIELD HABITAT**

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- A field has mostly wild grasses and flowers, and very few trees. Animals living in a field habitat are looking for food, water and shelter.
- Many insects, such as butterflies, bees, and grasshoppers eat the leaves and drink the nectar from plants and flowers growing in the field.
- Spiders, birds, snakes, and turkeys are some of the animals that eat the insects living in fields.
- The cottontail rabbit eats grasses, and the field mouse and wild turkey eat grains and seeds, found in the field. The field also provides places for these animals to hide from predators, like hawks, foxes, and coyotes.
- Red-tailed hawks circle over the field looking for mice or rabbits to eat.
- Bison are very large animals that eat the plants growing in fields. Their thick fur keeps them warm all winter. A small herd of wild bison has been reintroduced in south-eastern Missouri.

***Song Idea:** *Sing Old MacDonald Had A Field* and sing about all the animals who live in the field (rabbits go hop-hop, bees go buzz-buzz, turkeys go gobble-gobble).