## Have Fun - Nature Journal like a (n) ....

Explore different views of nature and the life around you. Imagine that you are:

**Studies plants** (botanist), ferns (pteridologist), mosses (bryologist), lichen (lichenologist) **Studies fungi** (mycologist)

**Gardener/Farmer** - What's being cultivated? Who (you) or what (ants, termites, other) is doing the cultivation?

**Ecologist** - what's affecting what, what relies on what, what are the population sizes of different species in different areas, the interactions between organisms and their environment and between organisms themselves.

**Environmentalist** - what's healthy here, and what's not: water, air, rubbish,

Someone who studies **specific types of animals**: Insects (Entomologist), Spiders (Arachnologist), Birds (Ornithologist), Reptiles (Herpetologist), fish (Ichthyologist), marine biologist

**Visual artist** - how would you create images from your observations? What are the colours that represent the place? The mood of the moment?

**Sculptor** or **ceramist** – what shapes and forms could be used as the basis of sculptures or ceramic creations.

Musician - what sounds do you hear? What stories do the sounds tell?

**Scientist** – what's the evidence? How do I know what I know?

**Architect** - What's the design of the landscape? How do the parts fit together? How do architects represent information on plans? What structures are created by what beings?

**Engineer** - nests and holes and structures created by wildlife, how were they built, what materials, what purpose, what is the physics of the stresses and supports, etc.

**Mathematician** - find the math - fibonacci series anyone?

**Geographer** - relate the earth's physical characteristics to the distribution and habits of people.

**Geologist** - what kind of soil? What are the rocks? What is the geological history of the place?

**Archaeologist** - when did life first start in this place? When did human first arrive? What effects did they have? What remains as evidence?

**Traditional Healer** - what plants are used for what purposes?

**Astronomer** - what's in the sky? What can you see in the day? At night?

**Detective** – what are the mysteries? Unanswered questions

Wordsmith – learn or make up new words.

**Writer** – what stories are here? How would you write them?

**Poet** – what poetry can you create from the words you have recorded?

**Lawyer** – what legal cases do you see? How would you prepare a legal case for the prosecution?