Taking a closer look at the consequences of artificial lighting on wildlife

Ages 5 - 9

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Matching Fun

Color the animals and then draw a line between the two reptiles, two birds, two mammals, and two insects.

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Nocturnal animals and creatures are greatly affected by light pollution. Most become disoriented and confused by the unnatural light. This causes them to wander into traffic and roadways, fly or walk into dangerous situations, or even become easy prey for other animals.
Many animals are affected by light pollution. Baby sea turtles, after hatching, often have difficulty finding their way to the ocean due to artificial lighting. They can wander into dangerous situations and are more easily preyed on.

Help this sea turtle find its way home!
Draw a Story

Draw a picture in each square and tell a story about an animal and light pollution.

Draw what happens first, second, third, and fourth.
Fred the Frog can’t sleep at night because Mr. Brad’s flood light shines right in his pond! Write a letter to Mr. Brad asking him to turn down the lights so Fred and his friends can sleep.
Raving Reptiles

Circle all of the reptiles.

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Sleep Tight

Help! There’s too much light in Tommy’s room for him to sleep. Help him find the lamp so he can turn it off and get a good nights sleep.
LOST!

Mrs. Moth’s husband has gotten lost somewhere. Connect the dots to help her find out where.
Sleep Time!

Draw what you think Katie the Caterpillar dreams about at night.
Animals of the Night
Word Search

Find the missing words.

Word List:

Bat
Skunk
Light
Stars
Moth
Turtle
Owl
Frog

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