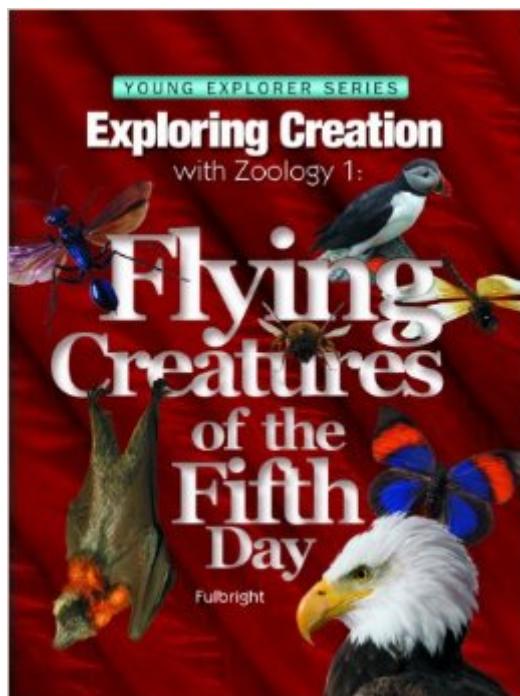


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# Zoology 1: Flying Creatures Of The Fifth Day -- Young Explorers Series (Young Explorer (Apologia Educational Ministries))



## **Synopsis**

Children begin exploring the dynamics of flight and animal classification, learning why the design we see in these incredible creatures points us to our Creator God. Your kids will learn how to attract various bird species to your yard and identify them by looking at their special physical characteristics, nests, and domestic practices. Students will also explore the world of bats, while exposing the misconceptions that most people have regarding these docile creatures of the night. They will then learn to scientifically classify insects with a simple glance at wings and other physical characteristics. In addition to designing experiments with flies, crickets, darkling moths, and caterpillars, kids will also learn how to attract and catch insects for scientific study. Your children will become true scientists, observing nature and the fascinating world God created.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Yes, it is true: this book has changed our lives! I am a homeschooling mother of 4 boys and this book introduced our family to a new hobby: birding. Sharing this new passion for something we had all previously taken for granted has been a great thing for our family. On our most recent vacation to the ocean, the highlight for my 9 and 6 year old sons was the one day spent at a national bird refuge! Our six year old has memorized over 40 bird calls with their mnemonic devices, and even more birds by sight! Even our 1 1/2 year old son can name a chickadee and a cardinal by sight! The value of this book in sparking a mutual passion transcended my initial goals of merely learning something about science, and I know these experiences will stay with the boys throughout their

lives. That said, the book also served the goal of teaching a lot of great science in an interesting, engaging way. In addition to sparking a particular passion for birds, the book also taught us a lot about bats, insects and flying reptiles. The material in this book was captivating and understandable even for my 4 year old, and the experiments were simple enough that my oldest son could do them by himself when necessary. The middle boys (6 and 4) could also benefit from most of them! This is the first science curriculum I have used that all my children (except the baby!) could equally participate in and benefit from. This science series incorporates several excellent components. In addition to the great photos and clear information, there are opportunities for the child to narrate back what they have learned. We retain what we can explain, and this element helps solidify the information in the child's mind. We have also really enjoyed using Nature Notebooks.

This is the third year I have used this series with my kids. This year I have a 3rd grader, 1st grader and Kindergartener. The first 2 books I did were Astronomy and Botany. I loved both of those books immensely. However, this one is just not nearly as exciting to me. I am finding that there is a lot of vocabulary this year and most of these vocabulary words are words I wouldn't even use. And on their website, this book is supposed to be for K-6th but I am finding it is much better suited to the older children because of the vocab. In addition, I am not really enjoying many of the science experiments. Most are difficult to do or I don't see much relevance in them. For example, one is collect bugs and study them. Uhhmmm .... My kids won't pick up bugs (personal problem, yes I know). Another example is a bat experiment where the children sniff a bunch of smells and identify what they smell. It took a lot of time and I don't feel like we really learned much from it. For the bird section, most experiments involve some form of habitat for them. For most people, this is great and probably a lot of fun. However, for me, I am not willing to do most of these experiments because I have cats that are excellent hunters and feel like I am leading the birds to their doom if I make my home to inviting for them to want to stay near it (again, personal problem I know). The final thing I am not as crazy about is I feel like book tried to fit more information in it so that it could be more chapters and take up more time during the year. For this reason, I think some of the topics brought up in this series are more complicated for a lower elementary grade. For me, I have only younger ones and I thought this would be great fit.

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