JUST PASSING THROUGH

What You'll Need:
Wire coat hanger or piece of strong wire, screen or mesh, duct tape

Bend a wire coat hanger into a rough circle. Take a piece of old screen, and bend it around the coat hanger. (Be careful not to stick yourself with the screen. You may want to wear work gloves or gardening gloves while doing this.) Use duct tape to hold the screen in place.

Now go to a creek or stream with an adult. Put your screen into the current and hold it there for a few minutes. Take out the screen and see what the current has carried onto it. You might find seeds that will land on the creek's bank and grow into plants. Or, you might find water animals such as insects, minnows, or crayfish. (Put them back in the creek right away so they stay alive.) You might even find something somebody lost a long way upstream.