Wild Neighbors Memory Game instructions and extension

Instructions

To play: Cut out each card. Shuffle the cards. Place the cards face down on a table in 8 by 8 rows. The first player flips over two cards keeping them in place. If the player matches an animal with its tracks or the Spanish or English names, then the player keeps the pair and goes again. If the cards do not match, they are flipped over again and the next player chooses two cards to flip over. Keep playing until the players have all the cards. The winner is the person with the most pairs at the end of the game. For 2 to 4 players.

Before playing study the reference cards. You may want to do one animal or two animals at a time to learn the tracks and Spanish before doing all eight. You can also color the animal cards with colored pencils (pens might bleed through). You can also choose a border color for each animal and draw a border around the animal its name and the tracks for example red for the rabbit cards. Once you remember them all you can print a new set without the color hints.

Extension

Add more cards with animals, their tracks, names, and translation.

You can also make one of plants with their leaves, seeds and flowers.

Animal tracking is fun! Look out for animal tracks next time you are outside. Can you recognize any of the tracks you have learned? Which wild neighbors do you have in your area? If you find a track, do an accurate drawing of the track, trying to make it just the same size.

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