Noah's Ark

Objective: Students will be able to identify similarities and differences in animal behavior or characteristics that help animals identify members of their own species.

Materials: Copies of the enclosed graphics.

Procedure: Copy the graphics pages twice so you will have two bison, two deer, two rabbits, etc. Shuffle the cards and secretly give each student their creature making certain that every student has a pair somewhere in the room. Instruct the students not to show their card to anyone else. On your signal, the children all begin acting out the sounds, shapes, and typical movement of their character. (Talking is prohibited.) The object is for each animal to find his/her partner by noticing similarities in behavior. When they have "found" each other, they move out of the group. At the end, everyone acts out their character for the whole class and everyone guesses which animal the pair represents. Have each pair discuss how they found their partner from the other animals. This activity can be found in the book *Sharing Nature with Children* by Joseph Cornell.