



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 2

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DISCOVERY GARDEN

All grades, K-5, were given seed trays to grow their own herbs and perennials. Each class also studies plants native to NJ.

BEFORE



AFTER

The \$ Thing:

- \$500 from Ocean County Soil Conservation District
- \$500 from Captain Planet Foundation
- \$250 from National Wildlife Foundation
- Girl Scout Troop 265 of Barnegat made and donated wooden bird

New Jersey is at the heart of the Atlantic Flyway. This makes New Jersey one of the most important states for migratory birds. The Discovery Garden was designed to help provide food and nesting territory. Wildflowers were planted for nectar and seeds. American Cranberry Bush, Bayberry, Highbush Blueberry, and American Holly provide protection,



Children creating garden of eatin' - Pupils planting patch for birds, butterflies

Headline in Asbury Park Press, 5/30/02
By Gregory Volpe

Fourth -grade teachers Karen Breitweiser and Marylou Healy and their pupils have been creating Discovery Garden, a small patch in the school's courtyard that is being filled with plants that creatures love to

eat. If successful, the garden will become an outdoor science lab attracting birds, butterflies and "anything that flies," Breitweiser said. The teachers also are hoping to make the garden more than a science lab. If they find donors for picnic tables and benches, any class could be held outside on a nice day, or the pupils could spend recess there. Plantings include New Jersey native wildflowers, butterfly bushes, and an assortment of berry bushes and herbs. Since they are native plants, Healy said there will be very little maintenance.