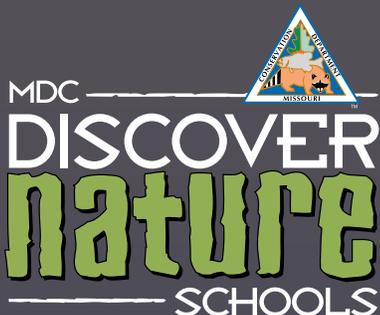




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On the cover: A northern harrier swoops down on a greater prairie-chicken. This connection—between a predator and its prey—is one of countless interactions that occur in nature. By studying how living things interact with the living and nonliving parts of the environment, ecologists help further our understanding of how nature works.

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A fisheries biologist uses an electronic wand to check for a wire tag embedded in a lake sturgeon's flesh. Each tag is only 3 millimeters long and has a specific code that helps the biologist identify individual fish.