



Dee Dee the Fryingpan River Dipper

FEATURING:
The original, illustrated story of Dee Dee
PLUS: American Dipper facts and photos, and
a special 5-page "My River Journal" for further exploration!

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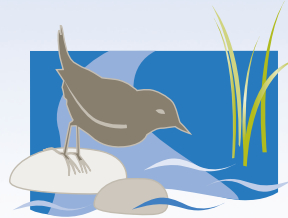
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I'm a special little bird, the American Dipper,
Perhaps you have heard, I live by the river.
You can find me near the water, of clear mountain streams,
Or flying up higher, through the warm sunbeams.



My River Journal



HABITAT INVESTIGATION

Take a moment when you are next to a river or stream to look for all the things that an American Dipper or any bird needs for a healthy habitat:

1. Space
2. Food
3. Water
4. Shelter

Use the space below to sketch your observation, trying to include the four things that create a healthy habitat.



Photo by Mark Fuller



Dee Dee the Fryingpan River Dipper

A delightful and informative tale about the habits and habitat of the American Dipper. Gracing this verbal "nature walk" are thirteen colorful and imaginative pictures drawn by Roaring Fork Conservancy staff and students.



Photo by Megan Dean

The Story Behind the Tale

UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE of educator Megan Dean, a group of fourth-grade students went into the field to discover and study the American Dipper, in collaboration with Roaring Fork Conservancy.

Over the course of a month, the students watched American Dippers build their nests and thrive on the banks of the beautiful Fryingpan River in Basalt, Colorado. Students quietly immersed themselves in the Dipper's world and watched them hunt, fly, and, of course, DIP!

After their careful observations and sketches, the students drew their final illustrations for this book. Educators at Roaring Fork Conservancy also contributed illustrations of its mascot, the American Dipper – the only North American aquatic songbird.



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