



Nature Scavenger Hunt II

SUMMER EDITION! Use our seasonal nature scavenger hunts to discover the great outdoors and your own ecosystem.

Materials: pencil, nature scavenger hunt list, binoculars (optional)

Directions: Go outside for a walk in your own backyard or nearby green space. Use the checklist and see if you can find everything on it. Add things that are unique to YOUR own ecosystem and track how many things on the list you find!

What is an ecosystem?

An ecosystem is made up of all living and non-living things in a specific area. That includes all plants, animals, water, rocks and even dirt that make up the communities of life in an area. Ecosystems are places like swamps, prairies or forests. Everything in an ecosystem has a role to play, even us!



Extension activities:

- Do the scavenger hunt from your window! Can you do it?
- How many different animals or SIGNS of animals did you see or hear? Signs can be things like footprints, feathers, nests or even sounds!
- What kind of ecosystem do you live in?

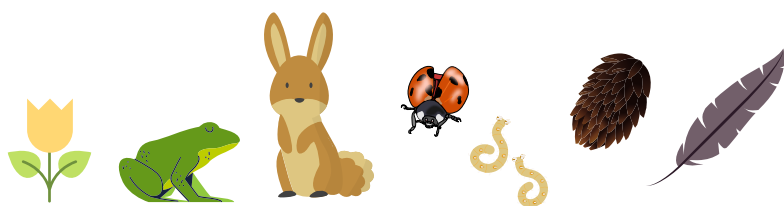


Parent Tip



For discussion: Why is it so important to leave nature IN nature and not pick everything up to take home?

Looking for another way to enjoy the outdoors? Try our simple [Sound Mapping activity](#), which you can find on our website.



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Can you find:

At least 4 of these?

- ☐ something that smells good
- ☐ bird song
- ☐ moss or lichen
- ☐ interesting coloured rock
- ☐ pink or purple flower
- ☐ a mountain
- ☐ butterfly or moth

*How many did
you find?*

At least 3 of these?

- ☐ dog on a leash
- ☐ dandelion fluff
- ☐ water - a stream, puddle, river, ocean,
pond, raindrop
- ☐ pine needle
- ☐ bumblebee
- ☐ an ant hill

*How many did
you find?*

At least 2 of these?

- ☐ shell or bone
- ☐ funny shaped cloud
- ☐ squirrel
- ☐ tabby cat
- ☐ yellow flower
- ☐ a weed that is pretty

*How many did
you find?*

ALL of these?

- ☐ something you think is a treasure
- ☐ 3 different shades of green
- ☐ 1 unique thing about YOUR ecosystem
- ☐ a human to wave at
- ☐ a leaf
- ☐ an animal sound

*How many did
you find?*

And these BONUS hard-to-find things?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> snail shell | <input type="checkbox"/> blue flower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> complete silence | <input type="checkbox"/> extra points if you found EVERYTHING on the list! |

How many did you find in total?

Remember: Take only memories, leave only footprints!

(Leave nature in nature)