



Nature in My Backyard Scavenger Hunt

Welcome! Like our animal friends who scavenge for treasures, below is a list of items, natural phenomena, living and non-living objects that you will look and listen for on your walk around where you live. Remember: **Only use your eyes, ears (& cameras!) to view natural phenomena. No touching or taking** – just enjoying !!

Signs of Animals

- Deer tracks or path
- See a deer
- A squirrel's nest made of leaves
- See a squirrel
- A well-worn animal path in the snow
- A tunnel in the snow made by a small animal
- A snowshoe track
- Two different types of animal tracks
- Hear an animal (not a domestic dog or cat)

Birds

- A nest of a bird
- Turkey tracks in the snow
- A hole in a trunk made by a woodpecker
- See or hear two different birds
- An owl
- A cardinal
- Site of a bird eating
- A birdfeeder

Plants, Trees, Shrubs

- A type of leaf
- Pinecone
- A tree or shrub that still has leaves
- A tree or shrub that still has fruit/berries
- A hollow tree trunk
- Fungus or mushrooms
- A canker/deformity on a tree trunk
- A cattail
- A tree, shrub or other plant eaten by an insect or bird
- A tree with smooth, papery bark
- A tree with rough bark
- A tree forming an arch over a trail
- A vine climbing up a tree
- Tall grass
- An evergreen tree (cedar, pine etc.)
- Seeds or seed pods
- A red stem/bark plant or shrub
- Dead flowers

Insects

- A gall on a plant or tree (a swelling growth on the external tissues of plants)



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- A web
- A spider
- Other signs of insects (wasps nest, burrowing seen in a branch, cocoon on a twig or tree, etc.)

Urban Nature

- A potted plant
- Vine growing up a man-made item (such as a sign, pole, or lamppost)
- A public park sign
- A bench near a tree
- A fountain
- A pathway (mulch, dirt, cement, etc)
- Tree roots coming out of cement

Miscellaneous Items

- Frozen water on the ground (puddle or pond)
- A river
- An icicle
- A boulder or rock
- A place to relax on a walk
- A bridge
- Sound of trees creaking or rubbing together
- Sound of leaves rustling
- Sound of ice melting



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