

BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

Get Outdoors:

Identify the plants and animals in your backyard. Since the animals don't usually stick around for very long, take note of specific markings or colors. For example, brown bird with white under beak. Look in an identification book to narrow down your search. Try to look for the animal again and see if you notice something else.

Use the following list to play a game with a friend or family...Who can find the most in 5 minutes? Who can find them all?

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| A tree with long needles | Butterflies |
| A tree with pine cones | Caterpillars |
| A blue bird | Dragonflies |
| A red bird | Bees |
| Grass | Wind in the trees |
| An animal track or footprint | Sunlight |
| Animal droppings | Leaf shaped like a heart |
| Leaves with holes in them | Leaf with sharp edges |
| Small bird | Fruit Tree |
| Large bird | Tree with flowers |
| Deer | A puddle |
| Raccoons (you should see these at night) | A stream |
| Opossums (you should see these at night) | Moss |
| Flowers | Mushrooms |
| Bushes | Bugs |
| Broken Branches (maybe a large animal came through) | Worms |
| A worn path (a path made by an animal) | Smell of flowers |
| Scratches in the bark of a tree | Smell of something else.... what's that smell? |
| Eggs | _____ |
| A snake | |