

## Neighborhood Animals SCAVENGER HUNT

Have you ever wondered what kind of animals live around you? Go brave your neighborhood with this animal scavenger hunt! Explore and discover your friendly animal neighbors.

- Can you find animal tracks or other signs that wildlife has been around? Guess the animal that left it.
- Discover but do not disturb a bird's nest. Observe a bird getting nesting material or food for it's young.
- Dig into the soil and find an earthworm or grub.
  What does it feel like? Gently investigate and return it.
- □ Find a jumping or flying insect in your yard. What is it?
- □ Find a flashy red or orange bird flying by.
- □ Find a pollinator like a bee, moth, butterfly, or bat. Look for the flowers it might pollinate (fertilize by visiting).
- □ Find a perfect spider web. Can you find the spider?
- □ Ants are master architects. Can you find an anthill?
- Search for a frog or toad. You may hear them, not see them, especially near water.
- Can you spot a furry animal with a bushy tail? What is it doing?
- <u>CHALLENGE</u>: Go out near or after dark. Listen & watch.
  Can you spot bats or hear owls as they start to hunt at dusk? Can you hear crickets or frogs?



## Nature Explorer SCAVENGER HUNT

Get outside and explore the nature around you. This hunt is for those who are curious about the natural world that they live in. Be creative and use your detective skills while going through this nature checklist.

- □ Find, touch, and investigate moss growing in your yard.
- □ Splash in a puddle. Is there anything in it?
- □ Find an acorn or seed pod on a plant or ground.
- □ Lay back & watch the clouds. Identify a shape in them.
- □ Search for a leaf with pointed lobes (tips).
- $\hfill\square$  Look for a perfectly round rock.
- □ Find 3 colors of flowers. Smell them.
- □ Can you build a miniature house with sticks?
- Dick a plant, crush a leaf, and smell it.
- □ Roll in the grass down a hill.
- Climb a good climbing tree in your neighborhood. Ask your parents to help. Be safe!
- Pickup and investigate a crunchy dead leaf. Crumble it!
- Walk on a log. Balance with your arms out!
- Close your eyes and listen. Can you hear nature?
- Explore to find a plant growing in a crack in concrete.
- Do a crayon rubbing of a leaf. (MATERIALS: sheet of paper, peeled crayon, and leaf)

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