

PLANT FOR POLLINATORS CHALLENGE

SCAVENGER HUNT

Instructions: Get outside and start searching! How many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps pollinators and other wildlife!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Long grass | <input type="checkbox"/> A flower with stripes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A hole in the ground | <input type="checkbox"/> A white or yellow flower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A red flower | 3 different insects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An animal making noise | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rough object | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A smooth object | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A hole in a tree or piece of wood | 3 different types of leaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An oak tree (look for acorns) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Your favorite thing that you saw (write here):



Long grass

Long grass is beneficial to wildlife because it helps smaller animals hide from predators.

Holes in the ground

Some pollinators, including 70% of bee species, nest underground. Bees play an important role in pollinating our crops and other plants!

Red flowers

Hummingbirds have excellent eyesight and are attracted to red flowers specifically, as they're full of nutritious nectar.

Animals making noise

Some animals make noise to find mates, while others use it to mark their territory or scare off predators. What do you think the animal you heard was communicating?

Rough objects

Some objects in nature are rough, like tree bark. As a result, some snakes and lizards can climb trees and other rough surfaces.

Smooth objects

Some objects in nature are smooth, like stones that have been weathered over time. Butterflies sometimes drink the water on these stones after it rains.

Holes in a tree or piece of wood

Some animals live in holes in trees and other structures. What animals do you think might live in the hole you found?

Flowers with stripes

For some pollinators, the stripes on a flower can act like a landing strip, helping to guide it onto the nectar-rich plant.

White or yellow flowers

Bees and other pollinators are often attracted to white or yellow flowers. What foods do you eat that are white and yellow?

3 different insects

Insects are the most diverse family of animals on Earth, and each insect has a role to play in the environment. What roles do you think the insects you found play?

3 different leaves

Many caterpillars can only eat certain leaves; for example, monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves! Did you spot any evidence of a hungry insect on the leaves you found? Look for small holes and missing chunks!