



Backyard Plant Identification

For this challenge you will need to print out this worksheet and with the help of an adult try to find as many of these plants on your property as you can. Remember, do your best to keep the plant from harm as you try to identify it. Have fun!

Boxwoods

The most common landscape shrub in our area today. Almost every landscape has boxwoods present. This is due to its adaptability to any soil type.



Blue Spruce

Otherwise known as a Colorado Spruce, blue spruces are Colorado and Utah's state tree and are native to the Rocky Mountains. Known for their dull green or bluish to silvery white colored needles, they typically grow between 30 to 60 feet tall in landscapes and can reach 100 feet in the wild.



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Red Oak

Widely considered a national treasure, another of native New Jersey trees. The Red Oak tree is New Jersey's official state tree.



Dandelion

A plant with yellow flowers. *Dandelions* are an important food source for certain birds, bees, providing an important source of nectar and pollen early in the season and also butterflies and moths.



Onion Grass

Onion grass belongs to a family of plants that grow from bulbs, and includes not only onion grass but also shallots, scallions, onions, leeks, chives, and garlic. When found in your yard or in the wild please DO NOT EAT without adult supervision



The next page is an additional scavenger hunt. You may want to use it if the above plants are not found in your yard.



Nature Scavenger Hunt

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☐ PINE CONE

☐ GREEN LEAF

☐ BROWN LEAF

☐ WILDFLOWER

☐ SPIDER WEB

☐ FEATHER

☐ BUG

☐ SEED

☐ GRASS

☐ PINE NEEDLES



☐ BIRD

☐ WATER

☐ CLOUD

☐ FLYING INSECT

☐ ROUND ROCK

☐ COLORFUL ROCK

☐ ROUGH OBJECT

☐ SMOOTH OBJECT

☐ FALLEN BRANCH

☐ TREASURE (TO YOU)

