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Ecological Scavenger Hunt!

Overview: This activity is a fun lesson in ecology or biology involving ecological roles and behaviors using examples found in nature. The scavenger hunt could be done by students independently, or with a group or family, especially if kids at home are different ages. Have your student add a couple discovery questions to the list! You can share your questions with the folks at the Gundalow Company.

Location: You can do this in your own backyard or a nearby park or woodland.

Supplies: All it takes is a piece of paper, something to write with, and your skills for observing and using your senses.

Instructions for elementary ages:

1. First, let's remember our 5 senses to help us with observation. Can you list them?
2. In this outdoor area, you will need to find everything on the list below. Usually, we try to do scavenger hunts quickly. But for this one, try to slow down and use your observational skills! If you don't know a word on the sheet, ask. Ready? go!
 - Find a prey organism
 - Find a perfectly round rock
 - Write down the name of a predator you find
 - Find an organism that is pink
 - Name a creature that sings
 - Examine a green plant
 - Record a creature that is camouflaged
 - Write down an organism that is blue
 - Record something beautiful
 - Write down something you learned



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Instructions for middle school ages:

1. Imagine that you are a wildlife or plant biologist studying the habitat in your backyard or park for the first time. Use your observational skills to complete the list.
2. Normally, scavenger hunts are a race to finish. But for this one, try and slow down, observe and take notes. Imagine that the way to win is to make as many detailed observations as possible. Ready? Go!
 - Find an organism that photosynthesizes
 - Name a bird that is making a nest
 - Find an organism that is purple
 - Name an organism that is an herbivore
 - Find a weed that has seeds that fly in the wind
 - Write down an organism that belongs in the arthropod or insect group
 - Draw a flower you find
 - Write down an organism that produces O₂
 - Record a predator that you find
 - Write down something that you learned

Congratulations! You have completed the ecological scavenger hunt! If you want to extend this activity, try and think about how the organisms you found interact with one another.