

Garden Scavenger Hunt

Format options:

- One printed checklist on a clipboard for each student OR
- One printed list on a clipboard for each pair or small group of students OR
- One list written on a whiteboard or poster that students refer back to

Three sections - choose and edit to fit the season, grade level, your campus:

Find:

- Signs of the season
- A plant that is making seeds
- Three living creatures
- A sign that a living creature has been here (chewed leaf, poop, nest)
- A soft leaf and a rough leaf
- 3 herbs that smell good to you
- Something that is alive
- Something that was once alive (organic)
- Something that has never been alive (inorganic)
- Something that is decomposing

Taste:

- Chives, mint, lemon balm, fennel
- Flowers: kale, broccoli, sunflower, nasturtium, borage,
- A ripe berry, a pea (try a pea shoot or leaf), a fava bean leaf
- Examples of the 6 Parts of a Plant: root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit, seed

Do:

- Add a scoop of compost around a plant that looks sad
- Say “thank you” to a plant
- Draw your favorite (plant, leaf, flower, creature, spot in the garden)
- Make a house for a creature
- Pull 10 weeds
- Plant a seed or a start
- Water
- Make a bouquet of herbs or flowers (for you, the secretary, your classroom)

Sample Scavenger Hunts: [Spring grades K-2](#) ~ [Spring grades 3-5](#) ~ [Fall elementary](#)