Colors of Nature

BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

Using crayons, markers, or washable paints, create a nature-based color chart like this (or print this one out on the computer). Then, take the chart outside and see if you can find an object from nature that matches every color. Be sure you only look and not touch or take!





LEAF HUNTERS!





Take a hike along a nature trail or park and look at the trees. Do you see any that have leaves that look like these? Can you pick them out by looking at their leaves? Bring these scavenger hunt sheets with you and see how many of these ten common North Carolina trees you can check off this list!



OAK

Oak leaves have sharp or round points sticking out on the edge of the leaf. These points are called lobes.



CEDAR

The cedar is a conifer, an evergreen tree that has needle-like scales instead of leaves.







WALNUT

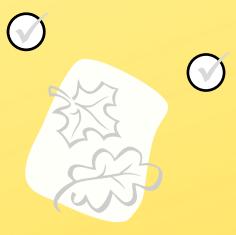
Walnut trees have compound (multiple) leaves in rows that look like feathers.





MAGNOLIA

Magnolias are evergreen trees with large, waxy leaves that have smooth edges without any lobes.





BIRCH

Birch trees have leaves with toothed edges that look like small saw blades.



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YELLOW POPLAR have four lobes with round notches



Yellow Poplar leaves between them.





RED MAPLE Red maples have three sharp lobes on each leaf and turn bright red in the fall.



SWEETGUM

Sweetgum leaves have

five sharply pointed lobes

that resemble a star.

HOLLY Holly trees have leaves with spiky edges that are sharp and thorn-like.



MULBERRY Mulberry trees can have three kinds of leaves on the same tree! This one is shaped like a mitten.

LET'S PLAY NEIGHBORHOOD BINGO!



For this activity print out the bingo sheets on the next two pages, and give each child a marker (optional clipboards can also be useful!). Then take a walk through your own neighborhood. Have a start and end point, and give each child one side of the street to look at. As they find items, mark them off the sheet. The first one to find five items across, or five up and down, or five diagonally wins Neighborhood Bingo!

Oak View Neighborhood Bingo

Take a walk in your neighborhood and mark off these items as you find them. If you are the first to get five in a row (up/down, across, or diagonally), you are the winner!







BUSH



MAILBOX



CHAIR



HYDRANT



ROCK



BEE



SIGN



DOG



FENCE



CLOUD



WORM



SPACE



TREE



TRUCK



ROAD



CAR





BUTTERFLY STROLLER



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FLOWER



BIRD



BUG



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