

HOW-TO-DO ACTIVITY- SEEDS OF ALL KINDS HUNT

SUGGESTED PLANTS

Labeling Plants for Activity

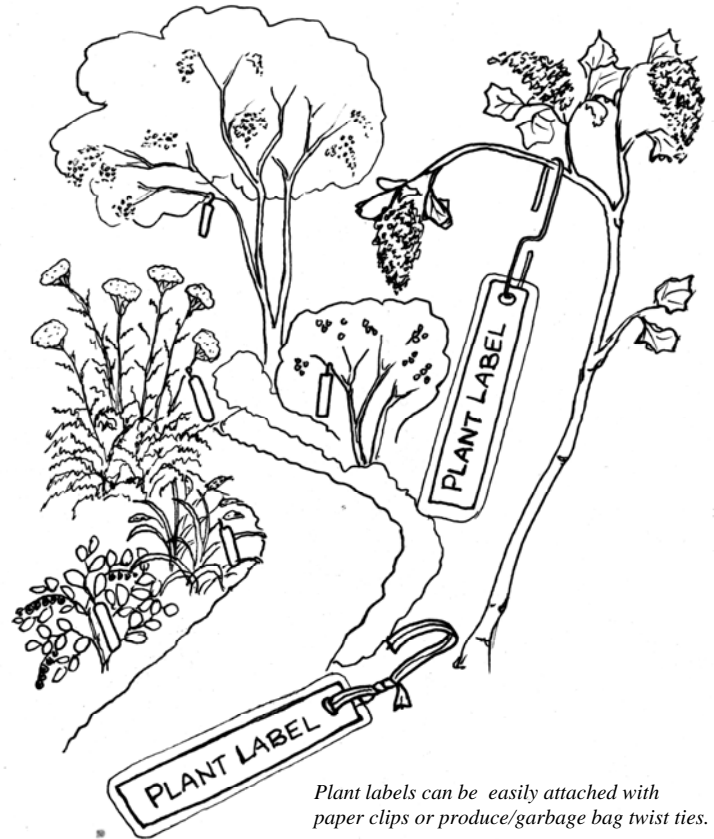
The following are common native plants, listed by habitat type and season, from which you are likely to find seeds matching the descriptions on the student worksheet 'Seed Scavenger Hunt'. They are listed by the habitat type in which they are found and season in which they bear seeds.

Look for a variety of seeds with different characteristics matching the clues on the scavenger hunt form. Provide a range of plants that include as many different clues as possible.

After locating at least six plants with seeds on them in your habitat, identify each with a 'plant label' which students will use during the activity. Use Native Plant ID cards, field guide, personal or expert knowledge to identify.

Write the name or number on paper then laminate and cut into labels. Use a hole punch to create a hole, and use 'twist ties', paper clips, wire or twine to attach labels to the plants.

If you are unable to identify a plant, simply number the plant, (or give it a fun imaginary name). The name is usually less important than other botanical and ecological knowledge when teaching and learning about plants.



Plant labels can be easily attached with paper clips or produce/garbage bag twist ties.

MEADOW PLANTS

Plant Species	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Possible Clues Note: All seeds are food for wildlife
Pearly everlasting	X	X		X	White, fluffy, can fly in the air, smaller than a pinhead
Iris			X	X	In a seedpod, brown
Wild Rose	X	X	X	X	In a seedpod, red, a berry
Sedge	X	X		X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead
Fireweed	X	X			Fluffy, white, can fly in the air, smaller than a pinhead
Goldenrod	X	X		X	Fluffy, can fly in the air, smaller than a pinhead
Lupine	X		X	X	Brown, in seed pod
Camas			X	X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead
Nodding onion, wild onion	X			X	Brown (black), smaller than a pinhead
Yarrow	X	X		X	White, fluffy, smaller than pinhead, in a cluster
Red columbine	X			X	In a seedpod, smaller than a pinhead, (not red)
Grasses	X	X		X	Brown, white, in a cluster, smaller than a pinhead
Asters	X	X			White, fluffy, smaller than a pinhead, can fly in the air
Willow			X	X	In a cluster, brown, smaller than a pinhead



FOREST PLANTS

Plant Species	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Possible Clues
Vine or Big leaf maple	X	X		X	Flies through the air, has wings, a nut
Snowberry	X	X			Berry, white
Hawthorn	X			X	Berry, red
Red alder	X	X	X		Brown, flies through the air, has wings
Douglas fir Western hemlock Red cedar	X	X		X	Brown, has wings
False lily of the valley	X			X	Berry, brown, red
False Solomon's seal	X			X	Berry, brown, red
Red huckleberry	X			X	Berry, red
Bleeding heart	X		X	X	In a seedpod
Salal Oregon grape	X			X	Berry, blue
Bitter cherry	X			X	Berry, red
Oceanspray	X	X	X	X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead, in a cluster
Goat'sbeard	X	X		X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead, in a cluster
Evergreen huckleberry	X	X			Blue, berry
Wild rose	X	X	X	X	Berry, red, black
Red elder			X	X	Red, berry, in a cluster
Red flowering currant	X			X	Berry, blue

WETLAND PLANTS

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Possible Clues
Cattail	X	X		X	Brown, fluffy, flies through the air, white
Sedges and rushes	X	X		X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead, in a cluster
Tufted hairgrass	X			X	Smaller than a pinhead, brown, in a cluster
Camas	X	X			Brown, smaller than a pinhead, in a seedpod
Aster	X			X	White, flies through the air, fluffy
Red osier dogwood	X	X			White, berry, not red
Pacific ninebark	X			X	Brown, in a cluster
Goat'sbeard	X			X	Brown, smaller than a pinhead, in a cluster
Twinberry	X			X	Berry, blue, red, in a cluster
Douglas spirea	X	X		X	Brown, in cluster, fluffy
Red elderberry			X	X	Red, in a cluster, a berry
Willow			X	X	In a cluster, fluffy, brown, smaller than a pinhead
Black cottonwood			X	X	Fluffy, flies through the air, smaller than a pinhead, white, brown