



Sleep Out ICT

Backyard Scavenger Hunt

☆ *When you look around your backyard, what do you see?* Have you ever thought about how the things that grow in your yard are used by animals?

Explore your backyard and try to find as many of the things on the list as possible. As you do, think about how animals use them for food, water, shelter or space; remember, these things are what make up a **habitat**—a place where living things can thrive! Think about how your own “habitat” provides these things for you and your family.

☆ Keep hold of the items you find—you might want to use them in your Exploration Place experiments and your Great Plains Nature Center activity. You could also use your crayons to draw some pictures of what you find.

Find as many of these items as you can. If you can't touch them or pick them up, you could draw a picture of them.

- A tree with lots of branches—maybe there's a nest in them!
- An open grassy area. This is an example of an open Habitat
- A place where animals might be able to get water from
- An animal—just look though, don't touch!
- 3 different kinds of leaves
- 2 different kinds of rocks
- A crooked stick
- Grass
- Something soft
- Something bumpy
- Something you like

☆ **We found _____ items.**

☆ **Our favorite thing we found is _____.**

☆ **We had never seen a before _____.**

☆ **We were surprised to find _____ in our backyard.**