

# Garden Scavenger Hunt Challenge

A scavenger hunt encourages you to look around your garden or the area close to your home and see what natural items you can find. We have lots of different ideas for scavenger hunts here and we also encourage you to come up with your own ideas.

It is important to protect wildlife in our gardens so if we are collecting things for a scavenger hunt, it is better to take flower petals and leaves that have fallen to the ground rather than picking them and to gather fallen twigs rather than breaking them from a tree. In many cases, we don't need to gather anything at all, simply observe them, tick them off on a list or photograph them.



## Simple Spring Scavenger Hunt

**Look for the following things in your garden or your local area and tick them off when you see them**

**3 different birds**

**A spider**

**A dandelion**

**A daisy**

**New leaves on a tree**

**A bud about to burst**

**3 different coloured flowers**

**A feather**

**Some moss**

**An evergreen leaf**

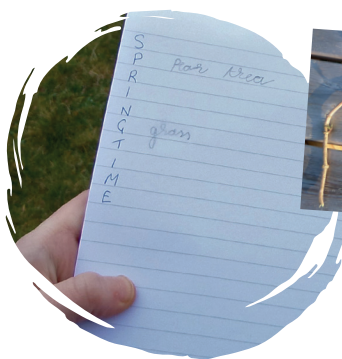
## Matchbox Challenge

**Each person is given a matchbox or other small container with a lid. An envelope will do if you don't have any small containers. Challenge your parents or siblings to see who can collect the highest number of different items in the same time period.**



## Word or Letter Challenge

Pick a word or maybe use the letters of your name and find something in your garden that begins with each letter of the word. You can either make a list or collect the items. For a longer challenge see if you can find something that begins with each letter of the alphabet. This could carry on over a number of days and will probably involve some creative descriptions.



## Sound Hunt

Spring is a great time to notice the sounds of nature. How many of these can you hear?

Birds or small animals rustling in the hedgerows

Leaves rustling in the breeze

Water dripping after rain

Birdsong – how many different birds can you hear?

A bee buzzing



## Smell Hunt

We all like to smell flowers sometimes but there are other smells in our gardens too. See how many different smells you notice in the garden. Flowers, herbs, leaves, fruit and vegetables all have different smells.



## Colour Hunt

Make your own colour match sheet using scraps from a magazine and see if you can find colours in your garden to match each colour on the sheet.



## Photographic Challenge

Challenge yourself to take photographs of the following things. For some of these, there will be the extra challenge of being patient and staying still and quiet long enough to get the shot.

A garden bird

A new spring flower

A flower bud

A spider

A new leaf

An insect visiting a flower

A butterfly



**COVID-19:** It is important to stay up to date as social distancing guidelines may change over time. The most up to date advice, information and resources can be found on: [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) and [www.health.gov.ie](http://www.health.gov.ie)

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