

Now Let's Go on a Seed Scavenger Hunt

CHECK THE BOX FOR ALL THAT YOU FIND. Remember, fruit are a "suitcase for seeds." Look for seeds/fruit everywhere, up in trees, down on the ground, in dried up flower gardens. You'll find lots even if they aren't listed here. NOTE: A seed head is a "fruit" with lots of seeds inside.

<p style="text-align: center;">Spiky seed head</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">  <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shriveled up blackberry</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cattail</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Found in wet places.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Scotch broom</p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 60%; font-size: small; padding-right: 10px;"> <p>This evergreen shrub with tiny leaves is a WEED 6-10 feet tall and forms large groups in pastures, roadsides and along freeways. It's known for its yellow pea-like flowers in spring. The seed pods might be empty.</p> </div>  </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">Exotic Species: Scotch Broom (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grass seed heads Look for tall brown grass.</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Seed head clusters (These are dried up flowers.)</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Any kind of cone</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">Pseudotsuga menziesii Landscape Plants Oregon State University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rose hip (berry on a rose bush)</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maple seed (samara)</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Found everywhere.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>
<p style="text-align: center;">A berry that is blue</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red berry</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rhododendron seeds</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Found in neighborhoods</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Snowberry</p> <div style="display: flex;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Found in natural places.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">A birdfeeder</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Junco, a bird, on the ground scratching around for seeds.</p>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></div>

The Seed Challenge Scavenger Hunt

Find one or all of these spiky seeds.

Teasel

This invasive weed is 2-6 feet tall. All parts of the plant are spiny. Seed heads are up to 4 inches tall. It thrives in open sunny places. It's found in fields and roadsides and can take over large areas.



Burdock



This invasive weed is 2-3 feet tall. The seed head forms ½ inch ball of hooked spines that curl inward. It's the Inspiration behind Velcro. It's found in sunny places.

London plane



This is a large tree 75-100 feet tall. It loves sun. It's planted in cities and neighborhoods because it tolerates pollution. Its one-inch spiny seed heads dangle from branches.

Find a squirrel eating a seed.



Find one or both Oregon Grape and Salal

Oregon Grape (*Gaultheria shallon*)



This evergreen shrub grows to 2 feet tall. Its leaves are up to 12 inches long. They are made up of 11 to 21 holly-like leaflets that may turn purple in winter. Their ¼ inch blue fruit grow in clusters.

Salal (*Mahonia nervosa*)



This evergreen shrub grows 2 feet tall in sun, but 4-10 feet in shade. Oval leaves are 2-4 inches long. Birds like the ¼ to ½ inch black/blue fruit.

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Both are found in neighborhoods and natural places.

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Find a shrub/tree with red stems.

Cornus sericea or Japanese maple tree with winged seeds



Red-twig dogwood is a deciduous native shrub, 7-9 feet tall. It likes sun or part shade. Young branches are red. The round, white, bead-like fruit grow to ½ inch. It's found in natural places & neighborhoods.



Found in neighborhoods.

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Find the clustered seed head of hardhack spirea. (*Spiraea douglasii*)



This deciduous shrub is 3-7 feet tall. It loves sunny, wet places and is often found in large groups. The brown seed heads grow in clusters on branch tips. It's Found in natural places.

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White flower of oso berry AKA Indian plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*)



This deciduous shrub is 15-20 feet tall. It's the first shrub to bloom in shady forest settings in late winter. "Plums" will come later. It's Found in natural places.



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Find a catkin in a tree.

(The catkin will help make seeds.)

Red alder (*Alnus rubrum*)



This deciduous tree is 40-50 feet tall. Its smooth gray bark has white blotches. It likes natural sunny to shady places. Catkins are 1 to 2 inches long and grow in clusters on stem tips.

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Western hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*)

This deciduous shrub/tree is 10-25 feet tall. 2 ½ to 5-inch catkins dangle straight down in groups on the twig tips. They are found in sunny to shady spots in natural areas.



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