

Suggestions for Use



The images were taken in early November in an Irish woodland but things that are around may change from place to place, from year to year and from week to week within the suggested month. Please also be aware that many natural items like foxglove leaves and mushrooms (depending on variety) can be very poisonous if not lethal (especially if ingested), so these are just items for “spotting”, not moving around. Please exercise caution and also leave no trace.

The images are provided in colour and in black and white (if you wish to save ink). You might also choose to use the black and white images to challenge children to spot the real colours around them.

The images are provided as an A4 worksheet for a clipboard and alternatively to be printed out onto A4 card and cut out into smaller cards. These lend themselves to various activities but here are a couple of other ideas to get you started.

Activity 1

Children work in groups with the images on a clipboard and work together (or race!) to see which group can find most of the same or similar things. If they cannot find exactly the same things where you are, use the sheet with the blank labels underneath to fill in more general alternatives before copying e.g. a berry, a yellow flower, a pink flower, an interesting seedhead, something that stings, a tall plant, a woodland creature, a spiky plant, something round.

This is also an easy way to adapt the task to younger ages.

The sheets with blank labels can also be used for children to fill in the names of the things they have to look for.

Activity 2

Give each group a starting card and once they have found that item, they win the next card. The group with the most cards at the end of a time limit is the winner.

November Treasure Hunt



Explore your local woodland or park.
How many of these things can you spot?



Fallen leaves



Purple bramble
Leaves



A muddy puddle



Dried out heather



Red bracken



Fallen pine needles



Ragwort seedheads



Foxglove leaves

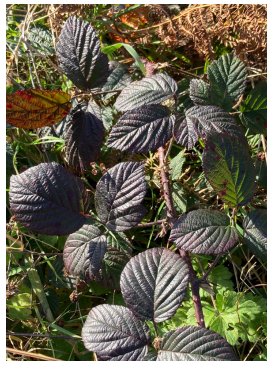


Mushrooms

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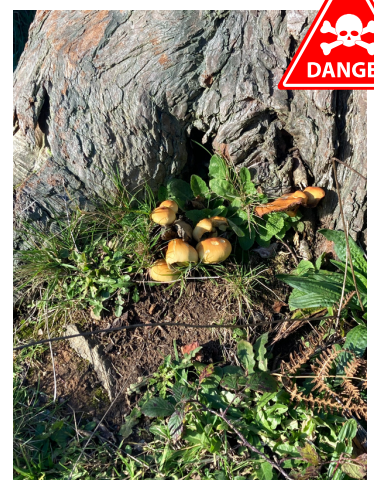
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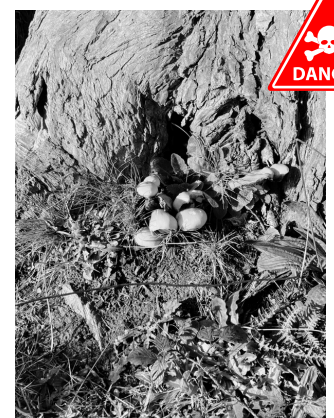


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