

BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

Our Ocean Planet is all around us, no matter where we live. Through our World Oceans Day scavenger hunt, find all the ways you can connect to the ocean planet in your own backyard!

What to find!

- ❑ **Rollie pollies (The pillbug):** These animals are traditionally found in gardens or under rocks, and are related to our ocean isopods! These animals are often called terrestrial crustaceans because they are so similar to ocean isopods but live on land!
- ❑ **Algae - Giant Kelp:** Giant Kelp makes up our lush Kelp Forests and is a type of algae. Did you know that many of the products that we have in our own home contain algae? Search the ingredients list on any of these products and look for the word “alginate”: toothpaste, ice cream, shampoo, salad dressing, puddings, or any other products you can find. If it has the word alginate, it contains algae!
- ❑ **Dogs:** Sea lions are often referred to as dogs of the ocean. And surprisingly, they’re actually related! They’re both mammals and have sharp teeth, called canines. Both dogs and sea lions are playful and curious. Sea lions even have whiskers and a long snout, just like dogs! Even though they’re playful, it’s important to remember that sea lions are wild animals and should be left alone!
- ❑ **Flowers:** Flowers are closely related to Seagrass! Seagrass looks a lot like grass but has roots and flowers, just like the flowers that grow in our gardens. Seagrass beds make a great home for many animals, including seahorses, crabs, shrimp, fish, and even birds.



