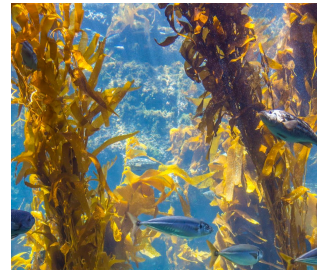
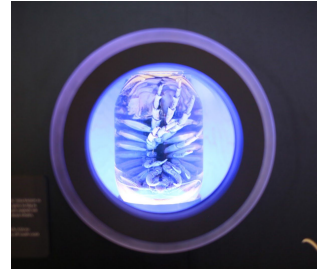


# BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

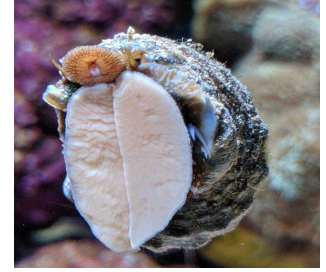
Our Ocean Planet is all around us, no matter where we live. Through our World Oceans Day scavenger hunt, find all the ways you can connect to the ocean planet in your own backyard!

## 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.



- ❑ **Snails:** The snails you might find in your backyard are not the same snails that you find in the ocean BUT they share some similar traits! They both have hard shells that help protect them and a single soft foot that helps them move. These shells grow with them all their lives! Do snails move fast or slow?



- ❑ **Birds:** Seabirds fly over the ocean, and get food from the water. Seabirds have webbed feet so they can dive underwater to catch tasty treats. Can you find any seabirds like a seagull? See what birds you can find in your backyard.



- ❑ **Egg Shells:** It's spring and baby animals are hatching all over! Some of these animals, like baby birds, come from eggs! Many animals in the ocean, like Sea Turtles, Seahorses, and some Sharks also lay eggs! Most egg shells are made up of the same thing that sea-shells are made of!



- ❑ **You!** Keratin is a protein that makes up our hair and fingernails! It also makes up many things in the ocean as well! Sea Turtle shells are made of Keratin, whale baleen is made of keratin, and seabird feathers are made of keratin. Finding ways we are all connected to our ocean planet both near and far, big and small, gives us all an opportunity to better understand and protect the world around us!



# Happy World Oceans Day!