

## Activity: Find 5 plants and 5 animals/insects

For this activity, help us celebrate by identifying 5 plants and 5 animals/insects outside your home. Go outside and observe your surroundings. While you are looking around, choose 5 plants and 5 animals to investigate. Examine leaves, look under rocks, check out the flowers, and look up in the tree branches. If you have binoculars or a magnifying lens, use those to get a closer look at what you are observing. Use the lines below to write what plants and animals you have observed.

Click here (<https://bnwaterkeeper.org/projects/nativeplantguide/>) for a list of plants found in Western New York

Click here (<https://bugguide.net/node/view/15740>) for a list of insects found in Western New York

Click here (<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search>) for a list of birds found in Western New York

Click here (<https://wnyanimals.wordpress.com/category/mammals/>) for a list of animals found in Western New York

### Plants

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### Animals

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Plants and animals who live in Western New York have different needs than those who live in Aquariums, this does not make them any less unique. Hopefully with this activity, you can continue to observe the plants and animals surrounding you throughout your days and use it as a reminder that all plants and animals are special.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Where do all the different salts, minerals, and elements found in ocean water come from?**
- 2. Why is ocean water so salty compared to lakes and rivers?**
- 3. If we transported seawater to the aquarium, a large tanker truck may carry 9,000 gallons on one trip. Our Main Pool for the sea lions holds 100,000 gallons. How many trucks would be needed to fill this exhibit?**
- 4. Did you identify any plants or animals you did not know about?**
- 5. How easy was it to identify the plants and animals?**
- 6. Would this be a fun hobby to continue?**