



# Nature Activity

## Where's it From?

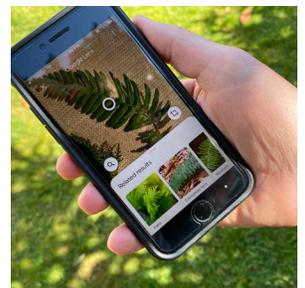
This activity is designed to help you explore plant and wildlife close to home! Enjoy searching and learning what things are and where they come from.

### Materials Needed

- Bag or bucket for collecting
- Smartphone or tablet for identifying the found items
- Glue or tape for creating a collage

### Doing the Activity

- Find a spot outside where there's access to nature: your backyard, a neighborhood walk, or around the property at your apartment complex.
- Gather at least 10 different natural items that are already on the ground (pine/fir cones, leaves, fallen flower petals, rocks).
- Take photos of any wildlife you see, this could even be a cat!
- Ask your adult to help you download a free photo identification app to a smartphone or tablet (Seek from National Geographic is a great option or you can search "Nature Identifier" in the app store).
- Take a photo of each of your found items and upload it to the app. Use the app features to identify your items.
- Write down the common name of each plant or wildlife and some interesting facts about it.
- After you have documented each item, now create a collage. The collage can just be a combination of taping and gluing items together on a piece of paper, or you can also make the collage themed (like native plants or non-native plants grouped together). You could also decorate a cardboard box to make a fairy or troll house.
- Once you have finished the activity you can plan your next "Where's It From" trip. You could also call a friend in another state or town and ask them to do the same activity and see what they turn up!



*Safety is super important! Be sure to plan your search with this in mind. Ask an adult to approve of your search area. Make sure you're not searching on someone else's property without permission. If you're not sure, find a spot you know is ok.*