

# Nature Scavenger Hunt: Research Superstars



Let the superstar in you shine. Use this scavenger hunt to help open your eyes to some of those awesome things in nature you may not know yet. Find, identify, record (cell camera or draw), wonder; then head home and find your answers. Your research will not only answer questions but will create new ones for you to come back to the woods and search out. (see below to incorporate iNaturalist)



- ☐ Find a tree that did not lose all of its leaves over the winter. Find others. What is similar about these trees? Why do some trees keep a few leaves through winter and others do not?
- ☐ Find a natural hole up in a tree. Is it someone's house? What causes a tree to get a natural hole in the trunk? What different kinds of animals might live in that hollow?
- ☐ Now find a hole in a tree that looks like it was probably made by a bird. Likely type of bird? How did you know the hole was made by a bird and not natural? What are the different species of that type of bird that we have at Fox Island?
- ☐ Are there any trees at Fox Island that you can identify without summer leaves on their branches? Describe what you know about the tree that helped you with ID. Now, find two you cannot identify. Photograph or draw the bark. Fall leaf drop beneath? What are these two trees?
- ☐ Are there clouds in the sky today? Describe what they look like. What direction are they moving? Can you name them? What type of weather might they predict?

Liven up your walk with a fun game to enhance the appreciation of nature and to hone the skills of observation. Want to ramp up the technology to help with your nature discoveries and participate in reporting? Fox Island has its own place at iNaturalist.org.

Go to [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place\\_id=149631](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place_id=149631) Download the iNaturalist app before coming out to the park and then it will upload your photos automatically if you take a picture using the app. You can also load photos later from home at [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)

**Most Important: Have Fun With Nature**

