

Spring Wild Finds Scavenger Hunt

Head out on the trails or to your own natural areas to see how many of these spring treasures you can find. Each one is assigned a point value based on how easy or hard they might be to locate. Total up your points to find a winner or keep working on your score each time you spend time in nature this spring. Keep score on the back of this sheet.

Items	Descriptions	Points
Crocus buds or blooms	Crocus are small bulb plants that sprout in early spring and bloom for up to two weeks. They are usually seen in shades of purple, yellow and white. 	1 point for each find up to 12
Spring Peepers 	Spring peepers are a type of treefrog. In early spring they collect at a wetland where there is shallow water, but no current. The males call in a loud "PEEP. PEEP, PEEP, PEEP" to attract the females. Many frogs, possibly hundreds, calling together can be extremely loud. They lay their eggs and return to the trees by mid spring.	5 points for each location you hear them
Flowering Trees	Many trees grow blossoms in the spring. These flowers attract insects to pollinate the seeds or fruit. The blossoms often have a delicate scent. Example trees, include apple, pear, crabapple, wild cherry, magnolia, dogwood, & redbud.	2 points for each tree up to 12
American Robins	These common birds are gray to brown with a rusty red breast and yellow beak. You might see them singing in the morning, looking for nest materials, and plucking worms out of the ground. Look for them building a nest in a tree, under a deck or some other protected place. 	1 for each bird up to 12
Flocks of birds	Migrating birds are heading back to their summer homes and nesting grounds. They form flocks from about a dozen to hundreds of individual birds. They are often very vocal, making a lot of noise as they fly. Common migrators to Ohio are mallard ducks, Canada geese, turkey vultures, and red-winged blackbirds	3 points for each flock
Spring Beauties 	These tiny pink & white flowers begin blooming in April in wooded areas. Spring beauties have five petals, are only a few inches tall and make nectar that attracts insects. They bloom before the trees have leaves to shade the forest floor.	5 points for each patch of flowers up to 6 patches
Large Flowered Trillium	The official state flower for Ohio. Trillium is white, low to the ground, with three petals and three leaves. It blooms in woods during April & May. Deer like to eat it like candy. Ants often carry the seeds to new places. 	10 points per bloom
Dandelions	Many people think of dandelions as weeds, others just a pretty yellow wildflower. Did you know when they turn to white fluff they have made seeds? Blowing on them to spreads the seeds.	One point for every flower you blow
Skunks 	This one is a smell. Skunks are looking for food for themselves and for their young. When scared, they may spray musk to protect themselves. Curious dogs are often learn a valuable lesson.	2 points every time you smell a skunk

Score Tally Make tally marks to keep track of your score through the season. Older children can use numerals and add them up.

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