

Long Wharf Nature Preserve Bio-Scavenger Hunt!



Rules- Stay on the paths. Leave things where you found them. Do not leave the preserve.

-I'm very informative! See if you find me so you can answer this question:

What elements shaped the beach and marsh areas of this preserve?

-I don't like the salty water near my feet; my leaves reach their many fingers out like an umbrella and my flowers reach straight toward the sky (Staghorn sumac)

What color are my flowers?

-You'll be glad I'm here at high tide so that you don't get your feet wet!

How many of me are there here?

-My leaves may fool you into thinking I am many plants in one; you can enjoy my berries on a warm summer day; I stay away from the salty water (Mulberry tree)

My leaves have three different shapes. Draw at least two of them on the back of this paper.

-I am an invasive shrub and birds love my berries; the underside of my leaves are silvery white (Autumn olive)

Where did you find me?

-I am the tallest tree here and live in the upland; in the early summer my seeds float down from on high in wisps of white; you may still find seeds of mine if you look closely (Eastern cottonwood)

What shape are my leaves? Draw on the back of this paper, or describe below.

-I love the salty water. If you're too loud you'll scare me away into my hole in the sand but if you wait quietly, I might venture back out and you will get a good view of my claws.

What am I and what's special about my claws?



-My berries are delicious and look like blueberries; you'll find me in the upland (Shadbush)

What's my scientific name?

-You'll find me strewn around the beach; I crunch when you step on me

How many different types of me can you find?

Bonus!-With long legs and neck I stalk my prey in shallow marshy areas.

How many of me do you see today?

