

# Kid Urban Adventure Hunt



## THINK & ANSWER!

Did you know that you live in a forest? It may not look like it but you live in an **Urban Forest**. All plant life (trees, shrubs, and grasses), people, animals, and buildings around us make up the **Urban Forest**!

What are some benefits of trees in the city?

One of the many benefits of trees is they give us and other animal food! Trees give us fruits, nuts and berries!

What are some foods you've eaten that come from trees?

Another benefit of trees is that they provide shade and keep us cool!

What are some of your favorite activities to do under trees?

Trees are homes! Birds, squirrels, butterflies and other animals, insects, and bugs make trees their home.

What is another name for a home?

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## ACTIVITY TIME!

With a parent or guardian, go on a walk around your neighborhood (you can use this time to walk your pet).

How many of these can you spot?

1. California Poppy
2. Bird(s) on a tree
3. Nest
4. Redwood tree
5. Fruit tree
6. Other people or animals
7. Flowering tree or shrub
8. Park
9. Bike
10. Leaves
11. Bench
12. Crosswalk
13. Flowers
14. Stop signs
15. Squirrel

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## RECAP!

What are some things you see and don't see in a **natural forest** that you may find in an **urban forest**?

What are some things you didn't notice before that you did today?

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## FUN FACTS



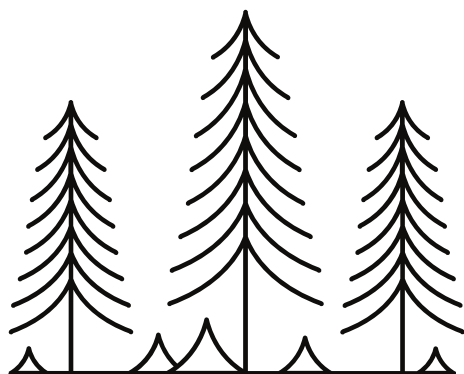
The **Golden Poppy** is the California state flower!

- They bloom in the spring and early summer.
- Other names are California Poppy, California Golden Poppy and Flame Flower.



**Redwood** is the California state tree!

- Can be **200 - 240 feet tall** and live up to **2,000 years!**
- Live along our beautiful coast.
- Tallest known redwood tree is up to **379 feet tall.**
- Average age of redwood trees are up to **500 -700 years old.**

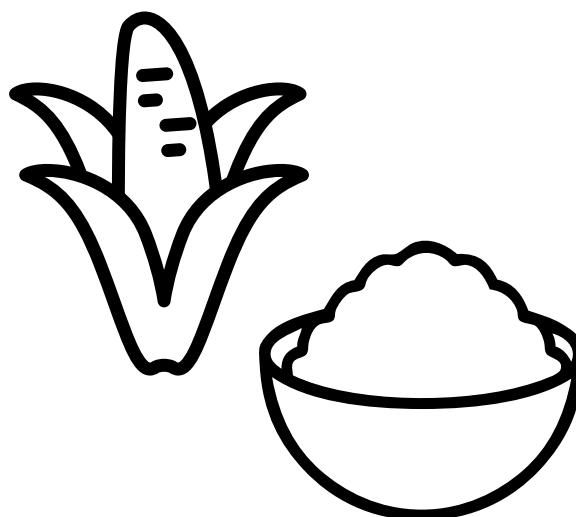


There are more than **60,000 tree species** and only **1 human species.**

- **Brazil** has more than **8,700 different tree species**, the highest number in the world.
- **Arctic region** has **no species of trees.**

Around **7000 different types of plants** are used by humans to make food.

- Rice, wheat, potatoes, corn are staple crops that come from plants.



Did you know that **yard waste** can be used as **compost?**

- Composting yard waste helps reduce landfills.
- Can be reused as soil amendment and mulch.

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## ANSWERS

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#### What are some benefits of trees in the city?

- Brings shade to cool
- Lowers the temperature
- Cleans the air
- Gives animals food and a place to live
- Reduces traffic noise and buffers noise
- Provides food
- Provides wood

#### What are some foods you've eaten that come from trees

- Apples
- Almonds
- Apricots
- Avocados
- Bananas
- Cherries
- Coconuts
- Lemons
- Limes
- Mangos
- Maple Syrup
- Oranges
- Papaya
- Peaches
- Pecans
- Persimmons
- Plums

#### What are some of your favorite activities to do under trees?

- Anything you like to do!

#### What are some other animals or insects that live in trees?

- Squirrels, birds, owls, bees, spiders.

#### SOURCES FOR THE ANSWERS WORKSHEET:

<https://www.treepeople.org/tree-benefits>

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/trees3/guide.html>

[https://web.uri.edu/snaped/files/grK\\_handout\\_How\\_do\\_fruits\\_and\\_vegetables\\_grow.pdf](https://web.uri.edu/snaped/files/grK_handout_How_do_fruits_and_vegetables_grow.pdf)

#### SOURCES FOR FUN FACTS

##### California poppies:

[https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/eschscholzia\\_californica.shtml](https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/eschscholzia_californica.shtml)

<https://plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=ESCA2>

[https://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg\\_esca2.pdf](https://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg_esca2.pdf)

##### Redwoods:

<https://www.nps.gov/redw/faqs.htm>

<https://www.bigsurcalifornia.org/redwoods.html>

##### Food:

Administered by California Volunteers, Office of the Governor and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140328124344/>

<http://www.kew.org/science-conservation/plants-fungi/food-drink>

##### Tree species:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/04/12/523616033/there-are-60-000-species-of-tree-worldwide-scientists-say>

##### Compost:

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/composting-yard-waste-7-212/>

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