

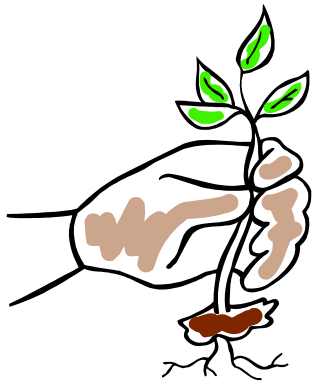


AT STRYBING
ARBORETUM

NATURE DETECTIVES

AT THE

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN



San Francisco Botanical Garden Society

What grows in the lawn? Just grass? Look again!

Take a close look at the lawn, and see how many different shapes of leaves you can find growing here. If you have a bag, you can pick the leaves and keep them.

Draw a picture of the leaves on this page.

I found _____ kinds of leaves!

Find a leaf you like lying on the ground. Now you can make a leaf picture with a crayon! Put the leaf under this piece of paper. Can you feel the leaf through the paper? If you can't, turn the leaf over. Now rub a crayon sideways over the paper and the leaf. Do another leaf if you want!

We know that a flower can have a smell, but leaves can have a smell too! To smell a leaf, gently rub the leaf with your fingers, then smell your fingers.

Go to five different plants and smell the leaves.

What does your favorite plant smell like? _____

What does your favorite plant look like? You can draw it here.

Plants come in all different sizes. Use your body to measure some of the plants in the garden.

Find a flower you like. The flower is as big as your _____

Can you find a flower as big as your ear? What color is it?

Can you find a leaf as small as your fingernail? Draw it here.

Find the biggest leaf you can. It is as big as _____

How many steps does it take to walk around the big tree in the main lawn?

Can you find a plant as tall as your knee? Draw a leaf from the plant here.

Find three things lying on the ground that used to be part of a plant. Tape them on this page. It's OK if they don't fit!

I think this is a _____.

I think this is a _____.

I think this is a _____.

Find a plant you like. Describe your plant here so you will always remember it!

How big is your plant? _____

What colors do you see on your plant? _____

Draw one leaf of your plant here.

If your plant has any flowers, draw one here.

Does your plant have any fruit? Draw it here.

Write one thing that is special about your plant. _____

If you know your plant's name, write it here. _____

Find a plant that has at least ten flowers. Sit or stand quietly and watch the flowers for a little while.

Did any small animals visit the flowers? YES NO

Draw one of the flowers, and then draw any visitors you saw.

The animals that live in the garden are all different shapes and sizes. See if you can find all of these - and draw a picture of what you see!

A BIRD

AN INSECT

A MAMMAL

A REPTILE
OR AMPHIBIAN

Lots of animals live in the garden. They live here because they can find places to live and food to eat. Can you find some places animals live, and some food animals eat? Write or draw them here.

SOME PLACES ANIMALS LIVE

SOME FOODS ANIMALS EAT

Many animals live in the garden because they can find food and shelter among the plants. Pick one animal and watch it quietly for a few minutes.

My animal is a _____.

I saw my animal do these things:

