



**Peconic Estuary**  
**Partnership**

# SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE

Exploring the Peconic Estuary Watershed

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE(S) EXPLORED: \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions:

Take a nature walk (or a few!) in the Peconic Estuary watershed to see what you can discover from this list. Your walk can take place anywhere in nature: the beach, trails, parks, forests, your neighborhood or own backyard! Look for animals, plants, and signs of stewardship. You'll need to use your other senses besides sight to check off everything on this list. Use the extra spaces to list additional things you find. If you discover something that you cannot identify, describe or sketch it instead.

For an extra challenge, identify the type of habitat (dunes, salt marsh, beach, swamp, prairie, maritime forest, shoreline, etc.) where you find each item. Also, try to identify the species of each living thing you find or where things may have come from. For example, what type of gull? What species of tree did the pine cone from? What species of butterfly did you spot? Is the whelk shell from a knobbed whelk or channeled whelk?

Most importantly, be safe, grab a friend and have fun!

1. ROBIN'S EGGSHELL
2. WHELK SHELL
3. RED OAK LEAF
4. PITCH PINE TREE
5. RECYCLING CONTAINER
6. THE SOUND OF A CHICKADEE
7. MOTH OR BUTTERFLY
8. HORSESHOE CRAB SHELL
9. "DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE" SIGN
10. BIRCH TREE BARK
11. RABBIT
12. GARBAGE CAN
13. PINE NEEDLES FROM A WHITE PINE TREE
14. CHIPMUNK
15. SOUND OF A WOODPECKER
16. SONG OF A MOURNING DOVE
17. AN OWL PELLETT
18. PECONIC BAY SCALLOP SHELL
19. BEACH PEA PLANT
20. "PICK UP PET WASTE" SIGN
21. PIPING PLOVER
22. RAZOR CLAM SHELL
23. WHITE TAILED DEER
24. ANIMAL TRACKS
25. DEER RUB MARKS ON A TREE
26. CATERPILLAR
27. SPIDER WEB
28. HERON
29. WILD BLUEBERRIES
30. BEACH GRASS



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- 31. WINTERGREEN PLANT
- 32. GULL
- 33. "NO POLLUTING" SIGN
- 34. SCENT OF LOW TIDE
- 35. PEP MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING RECEPTACLE
- 36. SANDPIPER
- 37. HARD CLAM SHELL
- 38. WHITE OAK LEAF
- 39. PINE CONE
- 40. WHELK EGG CASE
- 41. SOMEONE REMOVING GARBAGE FROM NATURE
- 42. OYSTER SHELL
- 43. MOON SNAIL SHELL
- 44. SASSAFRAS TREE
- 45. MALLARD DUCK
- 46. OSPREY NEST
- 47. SOUND OF WIND
- 48. DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN OR EVIDENCE OF ONE
- 49. FIDDLER CRAB
- 50. SEAWEED
- 51. WRACK LINE
- 52. HERMIT CRAB
- 53. SQUIRREL
- 54. SLIPPER SNAIL SHELL
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## QUESTIONS:

1. Did you see any signs of environmental stewardship, such as recycling containers or signs encouraging environmental responsibility? Describe why each is important.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Did you notice any invasive or non-native species? What were they and where did you find them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Were you able to identify any species using senses other than sight? Please explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What was the most interesting thing you discovered on your walk through the Peconic Estuary watershed?