

Activity – MEMORY SCAVENGER HUNT

Session 7 – IMPRINT+ Training course



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Activity: Memory Scavenger Hunt

Learning goals: To energise a group before a more focused lesson. To engage students in exploration of a local natural resource. To investigate local plants and landscapes.

Background information: Identification of different species and recognition of the same objects in an area is a key skill for ecological studies but also for any activity outdoors. Such as identifying tracks, signs and edible foods and plants.

Prior Knowledge Needed (*For the facilitator*): the facilitator should be comfortable with the local plants and animals in the area.

Duration: 15 minutes

Room organization: You will need an outdoor natural area to carry out this activity.

Support material: Some natural objects around the area (10/15), a scarf.

Instructions:

The Game:

Find 10/15 natural items in the area that you are studying. Lay them out on the ground on a white sheet or blank background that will be easy for someone to see what they are. Place the scarf over them and divide the students into groups. Allow one member from each team up to see the items. Give 30 seconds - 1 minute to look at the items and try to remember them.

Play begins:

As soon as they return to their group they can begin searching together. The participant that looked at the items must try and tell them everything they can remember, so they can work together to find them all. The team with the most correct matches wins (if you want the activity to be competitive).

Discuss:

You can also use the opportunity to identify the items and discuss them in relation to the specific habitat – this could lead in nicely to another activity such as a habitat survey.