

SALEM RECREATION

EARTH DAY SCAVENGER HUNT BINGO

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Hunt for invasive plants and show us you found the plant by taking a selfie, grabbing a leaf, drawing a flower, or...! Find 5 in a row to win a prize!

Submit by **Monday, May 20**. Prizes will be available on or after Monday, May 27 at the Annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony or Town Hall



Oriental Bittersweet
(Deciduous Vine)

Alternate, finely toothed ovate to round glossy leaves on dark brown to brown striated, twining, almost corky, bark with yellow-cased fruit that split open revealing bright fleshy, red interior.

Fun Fact: Vines are a good source for basket weaving!



Japanese Honeysuckle
(Semi-evergreen Vine)

Opposite, oval leaves that are slightly red when young with double-tongued, white and yellow, sweetly vanilla-scented flowers and black spherical berries in the fall

Fun Fact: Used in traditional Chinese medicine



Garlic Mustard
(Herbaceous Biennial)

Basal rosette with rounded leaves and toothed margins that become strongly toothed and triangular. Small and alternately arranged four-petaled white flowers. Leaves and stems give off garlic odor when crushed.



Multiflora Rose
(Deciduous Shrub)

Toothed dark green, smooth leaves on green stems with red thorns and lightly fragrant, white to pinkish five-petaled flowers in branched clusters and clusters of bright red, smooth hips

Fun Fact: Fruits are edible!



Japanese Barberry
(Deciduous Shrub)

Egg-shaped, smooth edged leaves in clusters on reddish-brown, ridged stems with small, dangling yellow flowers in clusters of two to four and hard, elliptical bright red seeds.

Fun Fact: Controlled populations result in fewer mice and ticks!



Autumn Olive
(Deciduous Shrub)

Alternate, bright green, elliptical leaves with rounded base, silvery underside and brown lenticles and silvery white, fragrant, funnel-shaped flowers and red globose fruit with brown scales

Fun Fact: Fruits can be eaten raw or made into jam!



European Buckthorn
(Deciduous Shrub)

Slender, scaly stems with elliptical, dark green leaves with prominent, curved veins and small greenish-yellow clustered flowers on short stalks and black and glossy berry-like poisonous drupes

Fun Fact: Seeds have a laxative effect on birds!



Morrow's Honeysuckle
(Deciduous Shrub)

Dense woody shrub with smooth, elliptical or oblong leaves and white, yellow, or green flowers with thin, delicate petals with five stamens, one pistil, and fleshy red or yellow paired spherical berries that are poisonous to humans. Stems are hollow and tan-colored on the inside.



Tree of Heaven
(Deciduous Tree)

Light brown to gray cantaloupe-like bark and foul-smelling compound spear-shaped leaves with notched tooth at base, and small, cup-shaped, lobed green to yellow clustered flowers on smooth stems

Fun Fact: Nicknamed "stinking sumac" due to its foul smell



Burning Bush
(Deciduous Shrub)

Oval yellow green leaves tapered at base and pointed at tip on green to brown stems with corky wings and four-petaled, creamy white flowers in May and red, oblong fruits in September

Fun Fact: Roots are medicinal and has been used to lower fevers



Mile-a-Minute
(Annual Vine)

Trailing vine with inconspicuous, clustered pale green flowers and equilateral triangle-shaped leaves on thin, angular reddish stems covered with tiny hooked barbs. Striking metallic blue fleshy, berry-like fruit

Fun Fact: Can grow up to 6" per day!



Common Reed
(Perennial Grass)

Long, lance-shaped upright to arching, flat or rolled, gray-green leaf blades that are smooth with parallel veins. Hollow, smooth stems with purple-brown plume-like flowers

Fun Fact: Grows in wet areas. Has been used for roof thatching and basketry.



Norway Maple
(Deciduous Tree)

Large tree with rounded crown. Opposite, 5-lobed leaves with long pointed tips and bright yellow-green flower clusters with wide-spreading winged fruit. Gray or brown bark that becomes rough and furrowed into narrow ridges with age. Milky white sap in leaves and stems.



Common Mugwort
(Perennial Herb)

Aromatic foliage, green upper surface with dense white to gray hairs on underside of leaves on purplish-brown, vertically grooved branched stems with short hairs and spike-like clusters of small, greenish-yellow flowers

Fun Fact: Mugwort pollen is a common cause of allergies!



Porcelainberry
(Deciduous Vine)

Woody-branched tendril-bearing vine with alternate heart-shaped leaves with coarse teeth and green to white inconspicuous small-clustered flowers and pink, purple, and blue speckled fruits in loose clusters.

Fun Fact: Fruits are edible with a slimy consistency and bland taste



Japanese Hop
(Annual Vine)

Twining vine with simple, opposite leaves with five to seven lobes and toothed leaf edges and pale green, drooping cone-like flowers with overlapping scales on rough-textured stems with short, sharp, downward pointing prickles.

Fun Fact: Seeds are viable in soil for up to three years!



Wineberry
(Deciduous Shrub)

Related to raspberries and blackberries. Dense coat of red hairs on stems, three heart-shaped leaflets, silvery under-leaves and bright, vibrant red berries and small, greenish, hairy flowers with white petals.

Fun Fact: Berries are edible and have a tart flavor



Japanese Knotweed
(Perennial Herb)

Large, oval to triangular leaves with pointed tips and small, creamy-white clustered lacy flowers on smooth, hollow, noticeably jointed stems with reddish-purple mottling at nodes

Fun Fact: Is one of the world's 100 worst invasive species!



Black Swallow-wort
(Deciduous Vine)

Long, oval-shaped leaves with smooth edges and a pointed tip on twining stems covered in downy hairs. Clear sap runs from stem when broken. Five-petaled flat, star-shaped dark purple flowers with white hairs.

Fun Fact: Leaves are fatal to monarch caterpillars



Narrowleaf Bittercress
(Biennial Herb)

Rarely flowering rosettes with 3-11 leaflets with rounded lobe maturing into 6-20 sharply toothed leaflets with multiple small flowers with 4 white petals producing slender seedpods

Fun Fact: Each flower contains 10 to 24 seeds!



Giant Hogweed
(Perennial Herber)

Broad, deeply-lobed, serrated leaves with large, upside-down umbrella-shaped head with clusters of tiny white flowers on thick, bright green stems with dark reddish-purple spots.

Fun Fact: Flowers once in its lifetime and dies after producing seeds!



Dame's Rocket
(Flowering Biennial/Perennial)

Simple, long, lance-shaped, downy-feeling, and alternately arranged leaves on roughly-haired, upright stems with purple, white, or pink flowers with four petals and lance-shaped, finely toothed leaves.

Fun Fact: Dame's Rocket is often sold in wildflower mixes



Japanese Stiltgrass
(Biennial Herb)

Smooth, pale green, lance-shaped, asymmetrical leaves with shiny midrib on bamboo-like grass with drooping stems with one- to three-branched spiked flowers. Similar in appearance to young bamboo.

Fun Fact: Most likely introduced through its use as packing material for porcelain



Goutweed
(Perennial Ground Cover)

Green or variegated leaves with toothed or irregularly lobed leaves in 3 groups of 3 leaflets and small, white, five-petaled flowers arranged in flat-topped clusters on a leafy stem. Small, elongated seeds, similar to carrot seeds.

Fun Fact: Leaves are sometimes used in salads and potherb