

# GREEN REDMOND DAYS: DISCOVERING YOUR LOCAL FOREST

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## DAY 1: OVERSTORY



Identify and take a photo of one deciduous and one coniferous tree in your neighborhood



Research and write about three benefits trees provide

## DAY 2: UNDERSTORY



Identify and take a photo of two native shrubs: one deciduous and one evergreen



Research and write about three native shrubs that produce edible berries

## DAY 3: FOREST FLOOR



Identify and photograph two different species of native ferns



Research and write about why "leaf litter" is important on the forest floor



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## DAY 4: SNAGS AND NURSE LOGS



Find and photograph a "snag" in your local forest



Research and write about what a "nurse log" is and the benefits they provide to the forest

## DAY 5: WILDLIFE



Capture a photo of a native bird in your local forest



Write about your favorite interaction with wildlife you've had in a Redmond Park

## DAY 6: COMMUNITY



Find a "Future Healthy Forest" sign in a Redmond Park and take a photo with it



Write about why you believe it's important for the community to take part in forest restoration activities



# GREEN REDMOND DAYS: TIPS AND TRICKS



DAY 1: Deciduous trees refer to trees that lose their leaves each year, and coniferous refers to cone-bearing trees, which are often, but not always, evergreen.



DAY 2: A shrub refers to a medium-sized woody plant, which unlike trees, grow shorter in height and have multiple stems.



DAY 3: Some common native ferns you may find in your local forest include: sword fern, lady fern, and deer fern.



DAY 4: A "snag" is standing dead or dying tree which provide important habitat for wildlife, and also add nutrients to the soil as they decompose naturally over time. (Farrel McWhirter Park has some great examples of snags and nurse logs.)



DAY 5: Some examples of common native birds that can be found in Redmond's forests include: Black-capped chickadees, Pileated woodpeckers, Brown creepers, House sparrows, and many more.



DAY 6: Our active Green Redmond sites where we have been conducting forest restoration work are designated with "Future Healthy Forest" signage. Some parks where you will find these signs include: Farrel McWhirter Park, Viewpoint Open Space, Juel Park, and Westside Park.

To submit your completed activities please visit  
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