



# SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

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## Carpenter Bees

Native to California, larger than the European honeybee and fluffy, these bees can be hard to find. Try your luck at Almaden Quicksilver County Park.



## Animal Tracks

The wet weather makes it easier to spot animal tracks on the trail, so let's hope for more rain this spring! Look in the mud for deer, bobcat, bird and any other tracks you can find.



## California Poppy

Our state flower, California poppies can thrive in dry and arid conditions. Find them at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, Pearson-Arastradero Preserve and more!



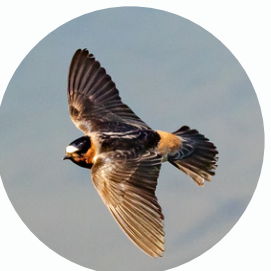
## Miners Lettuce

These edible leaves are vitamin rich and can prevent scurvy. Look for them in shaded moist areas between February and May at Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve.



## Rainbow

Rainbows are formed when sunlight is refracted, or bent, by water droplets in the air. You're most likely to see them during or after rainfall as the sun begins to shine again.



## Cliff Swallow

In spring, they migrate to California for breeding season. They build mud nests in large colonies on the sides of cliffs, bridges and buildings. Palo Alto Baylands is a great place to spot one!



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## Lady Bug

Known for their bright red, orange and yellow bodies with black spots, these beetles eat aphids, aka pests that can damage crops and plants. One ladybug can eat up to 5,000 aphids in its lifetime!



## Indian Paintbrush

With red-orange flowers with yellow tips, Indian Paintbrush can often be spotted at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve and Almaden Quicksilver County Park.



## Poison Oak

The leaves are green in spring and turn red as we shift to summer — keep your eyes peeled and don't touch them! They're found at many parks and preserves in the Bay Area.



## Farm Stand

Visit a local farm stand this season! Pick up fresh veggies while learning about who is growing your food. You'll find several locations in our guide to POST-protected farms on the coast: [openspacetrust.org/farms](https://openspacetrust.org/farms)



## Brussels Sprouts

Harvested in late spring, Brussels sprouts are in full force at coastal farms in San Mateo County! On the Cowell-Purissima Trail, find Brussels sprouts alongside ocean views.



## Tule Elk

This protected species is only found in California! Keep your binoculars poised at Dinosaur Point State Park at the San Luis Reservoir and Tomales Point at Point Reyes National Seashore.