



COWICHE CANYON SCAVENGER HUNT

SPRING & SUMMER



Swallowtail Butterfly

- As a caterpillar it eats wild cherry leaves.
- Adult butterflies use their long tube-like tongue, called a proboscis to drink nectar from flowers.
- Adult butterfly can grow to 5 inches wide



Balsamroot

- Can grow from 1 to 2 feet tall.
- Many small animals eat balsamroot as their source of food.
- Its leaves are covered with small white hairs.



Lucia's Blue Butterfly

- Places its eggs on red-osier dogwood.
- As a caterpillar, it feeds on flower buds and leaves.
- As a butterfly, it sips nectar from flowers.
- Goes through four "instars" (stages of growth).



Ponderosa Pine (all year)

- Can grow to be 60 feet tall.
- Its pine cones contain its seeds.
- Lives at the edge between the desert and forestland.



Cliff Swallow

- Fly in large groups, chasing insects high in the air or near the creek.
- Make nests out of mud clustered together on cliff faces.



Yellow-bellied Marmot

- Live in the cliffs on the north side of the canyon. Hibernate during cold months.
- Listen for their shrill shouts from high above.



Lupine

- These flowers attract bees, birds, and butterflies.
- Can grow to be 4 feet tall.
- Stem is covered with small white hairs.



Easter Island Faces (all year)

- Named after the face-carved statues located on Easter Island.
- Formed from layers of basalt that are over 14 million years old.
- The red color of the rocks is from iron in the basalt.



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FALL & WINTER



Red-osier Dogwood

- Bright red stem - shows best in winter..
- Produces small, white flowers in the spring.
- Can grow from 3 to 15 feet high.



Red-tailed Hawk

- Soars in circles high in the air
- Eats small mammals
- Has a shrill and loud call



Sagebrush

- Can grow to be 10 feet tall.
- Grows in dry places and is a source of food for many animals.
- Bunch grasses and flowers grow near it.



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Fungi

- There are thousands of species. The best known kinds are molds and mushrooms.
- Food for squirrels, voles, deer, and humans.
- Help feed nutrients to plants. Some fungi break down, or decompose, dead plants and animals to release nutrients back into the soil.



Aspen

- Tall, fast-growing tree about 60 to 80 feet tall.
- Trunks have smooth pale bark, scarred with black.
- Green leaves, dull beneath, become golden to yellow, rarely red, in autumn



Lichen

- Made up of fungi that grows symbiotically with algae.
- Food for deer and rodents.
- Lives on soil, rocks, trees, or sagebrush. Helps prevent soil erosion.
- Some lichens add nitrogen to the soil, helpful to plants.



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