

# ECOSYSTEM INTERACTIONS

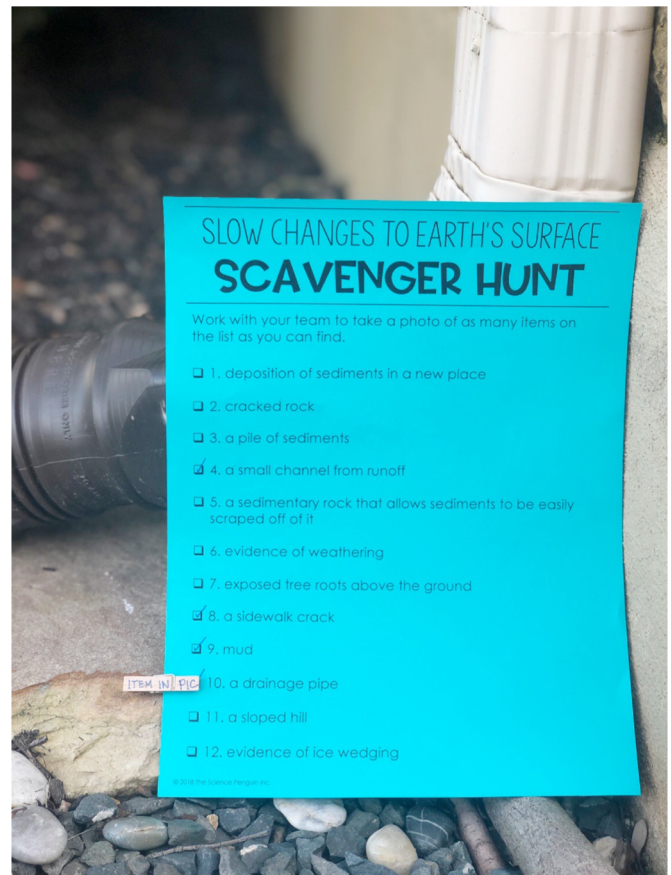
# SCAVENGER HUNT

This is a fun outdoor activity for student teams to look for ecosystem interactions right at school. Depending on your environment, location, the time of year, and climate, some of the interactions may be easier to find than others.

I recommend having teams of 3 students work together. Each team will need a scavenger hunt page and a camera, phone, or tablet.

Use a paper clip, clothes pin, or write down the number of the item represented to include in the photo so you know what the team was photographing.

Structure the activity however works best with your students. Have fun!



Sample Photo from Slow Changes to Earth's Surface Scavenger Hunt

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Work with your team to take a photo of as many items on the list as you can find.

- 1. a bird or mammal interacting with a plant
- 2. an animal interacting with dirt or rocks
- 3. an insect interacting with a plant
- 4. an animal consuming food
- 5. a bird interacting with a non-living component of its ecosystem
- 6. an insect interacting with a non-living component of its ecosystem
- 7. a plant that needs shade to thrive
- 8. a plant interacting with a non-living component of its ecosystem
- 9. a fungus that returns nutrients to the soil
- 10. an animal using a living or non-living component of its ecosystem for shelter