

# Be a Botanist



**Botany** is the scientific study of plants.

## What might a botanist do?

- Explore the rainforest to find new species. Sometimes these can become food or medicine for humans.
- Draw pictures of plants they find.
- Climb tall trees to investigate what lives in the canopy.



## Tools of the Trade



**Field Guide** — to help identify plants

**Plant Press** — to flatten and dry plants for an herbarium



**Magnifying Glass** — to see very small plant parts

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# Botany in *NatureQuest*

Try these activities if you would like to be a botanist.



Go on a tree hunt. Try to find the following trees.

- **Northern red oak** (hint — it has striped bark)  
What animals have made their home in the tree?
- **Beech tree** (hint — large tree in the center of the rope bridge) What does it feel like compared to the other trees?
- **Pine tree** (hint — these have skinny green needles)  
Is there more than one kind of pine tree?

Find 5 different leaf shapes. How are they different?  
How are they the same?

Find evidence of ancient plants in the rock wall.

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