






Hey, Families!

At school, your child has been learning about the power of plants to improve communities. You can help them grow their knowledge even more with this fun family activity.



GO ON A "PLANT HUNT"

Grab your phone or a camera and head outside for a family plant hunt. Using the chart below as your guide, snap pictures of environmental challenges in your community as well as examples of where plants are part of the solution.

FIND THE ECO CHALLENGE	FOUND IT!	SPOT THE PLANT SOLUTION	FOUND IT!
Rainwater is eroding the soil.		 Find a tree with roots that help prevent soil erosion.	
There's not enough shade for people and small animals.		 Find plants and trees with large leaves that provide shade.	
Vacant lots are trash-filled and don't have any grass or other plants.		 Find flowers with bright colors that attract pollinators like bees.	
Large areas growing a single crop prevents diversity in ecosystems.		 Find a biodiverse area with at least three types of plants.	
Concrete and asphalt roads without plants are noisy.		 Find plants near a busy traffic area that muffle noise pollution.	
Add your own challenge:		Add your own solution:	
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APPLY YOUR FINDINGS

FOR YOUR CHILD Encourage your child to enter the **Plant Mash-Up contest**. They'll draw and describe their idea for a plant hybrid that addresses a community challenge. When your child is finished with their entry, return it to their teacher, or submit it for them at **[scholastic.com/bloom/contest](https://www.scholastic.com/bloom/contest)**. Your child will have a chance to win **\$500**, and the submitting adult will have a chance to win **\$1,500**!

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Void where prohibited. Eligibility: Contest is open only to students in grades 6–8 in a public, private, or home school in the 50 US (or DC) that is in compliance with the laws and regulations of its state/district and who are residents of the above. Only the student's teacher, youth program leader, or student's parent/legal guardian may submit an entry on the student's behalf. Entry period: Entries must be submitted between 12:01 a.m. EST on 1/12/21, and 11:59 p.m. EST on 3/1/21. To enter digitally: Visit [scholastic.com/bloom](https://www.scholastic.com/bloom). To enter by email: Email the entry to scholastic submissions@scholastic.com. To enter by mail: Mail entries to Scholastic Inc., Plant Mash-Up Contest, Attn: Space 3-226 (SNP), 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. Mailed entries must be postmarked by 3/1/21, and received by 3/12/21. Prizes: Sweepstakes, one (1) randomly selected student will receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$100), their teacher (or submitting adult) will receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$500). One (1) Runner-Up student will receive a \$250 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$250) and their teacher (or submitting adult) will receive a \$1,000 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$1,000). One (1) Grand Prize student will receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$500) and their teacher (or submitting adult) will receive a \$1,500 Visa Gift Card (ARV \$1,500). See Official Rules at: [scholastic.com/bloom/rules](https://www.scholastic.com/bloom/rules).