



Rainforests at Home

Rainforests are home to more *species*, or types of living things, than anywhere else on land. Plants and animals find their food, water, and shelter there. Items that we use everyday come from the rainforest, connecting all of us to this important ecosystem—you probably even have a piece of the rainforest sitting in your kitchen right now! Rainforests provide for people around the world, so it is important for us to care for them in return. Learn more about rainforest conservation <u>here</u>.

Materials

1 piece of white printer paper Crayon, marker, pen, or pencil "Scavenger Hunt: Rainforests at Home" print-out (next page)

Directions

- 1. **Print** "Scavenger Hunt: Rainforests at Home" on the next page.
- 2. Look at the 9 items. Have you seen them before? Where were you? What did you use it for?
- 3. **Search** your home for the 9 rainforest items, with an adult's permission. *Tip*: If you can, check the ingredients list. You may not have a whole coconut, but your family might cook with coconut oil or coconut milk!
- 4. **Draw** an "X" over the rainforest items using a crayon, marker, pen, or pencil when you find them. How many pieces of the rainforest can you find in your home?
- 5. **Share** what you found with your family and friends. Have they lived with pieces of the rainforest too? Learn more about how many types of living things exist in the rainforest in this video: <u>Exploring Ecosystems: Tropical Rainforest Diversity</u>.



