

Your Family Fun Scavenger Hunt

Get to know the natural world by finding these wild things inside OMCA's Gallery of California Natural Sciences. Small prizes are available at the ticketing desk for anyone who completes this adventure!

YOUR NAME: _____



- 1.** Find the smallest mammal in the Museum (and maybe the most adorable), the ornate shrew (*Sorex ornatus*) hiding in the Coastal Range Section. What strong smelling plant is the shrew hiding beneath?
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- 2.** Find the black-crowned night herons having a fest in the Bird Lab. While Oakland is home to the largest nesting grounds in the Bay Area for these birds, their habitats are quickly disappearing. What are the black-crowned night herons feasting on in the case?
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- 3.** If possible, crawl through the Lava Tube in the Shasta section, then shine a light on the ceiling to see the Golden Slime light up like a starry night sky. What creatures do you see hiding in the lava tube?
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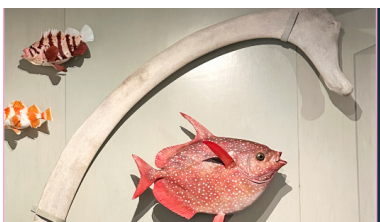
- 4.** Did you know OMCA has a live termite colony, and it has been living with us since 1983? What is the scientific term for termite 'poop'?
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- 5.** Relax underwater in the California Coast Lounge to enjoy the parade of colorful species swimming by. Can you name or describe any sea creatures you saw?
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- 6.** Three decorator crabs hide within the Cordell Bank display. Can you spot them? What is one thing they use to decorate their shells?
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- 7.** A rib bone from the largest animal that has ever lived in the history of the planet is also in the gallery. Which animal did it come from?
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EXTRA: On your way to the Garden, grab a Bird Postcard from the Bird Lab and do some local bird watching!