

HIDE N SEEK

SPINIFEX



You may see the 'roly poly' fruit of this spikey grass rolling along the beach collecting in holes in the sand where they are buried and then later germinate.

COASTAL SHEOAK



Reaching heights up to 10m, this tree has drooping, fine foliage called branchlets that look similar to a pine tree.

PIG FACE



The pigface plant flowers throughout the year with a bright pink flower. A very useful plant as every part is edible.

COASTAL BANKSIA



The pale golden brush-like flowers of this Banksia provide nectar for honeyeater birds from early autumn to late spring.

PANDANUS



The Pandanus tree has separate male and female plants. The females produce pineapple-like fruits of red, yellow or orange segments.

KNOBBY CLUB RUSH



A species of sedge meaning that it has a triangular shaped stem. This rush flowers in spring with spikey flower clusters.

WARRIGAL GREENS



A common coastal bush tucker, Warrigal Greens have large triangular light green leaves that taste like salty spinach.

COASTAL FIREWEED



This pretty yellow flower is related to the Sunflower and grows up to 1m. It is often mistaken for the exotic Fireweed and removed.

COASTAL WATTLE



Growing to 2.5m, this shrub creates yellow flowers that look like pipe cleaners. This species is an important dune stabiliser.

BEACH MORNING GLORY



This crawling vine has pink-purple flowers and leaves shaped like a goats foot which it is also sometimes referred to as.

BLUE FLAX LILY



Found on coastal dunes, this strappy herb creates beautiful purple-blue flowers followed by edible blue berries from summer to autumn.

SEA BERRY SALT BUSH



A spreading shrub growing to 1m and creating small red berries. The dense foliage provides habitat for small birds and lizards.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Coastal Plants Hide n Seek sheet, explore coastal dunes to find all of the plants in the pictures.

Be careful not to crush any plants or cause any dunes to collapse, respect the environment, and leave nothing but footprints.

Please be aware of ticks, snakes, mosquitoes and other stinging/biting insects that may live in this environment.



SUGGESTED LOCATIONS

Explore sand dunes closest to the waters edge (called the foredune) where vegetation is growing. Our favourite beaches to find coastal plants:

- Sandy Beach
- Moonee Beach Nature Reserve
- Jetty Beach
- Park Beach
- Boambee Beach



FURTHER ACTIVITIES

OFFLINE

Join Coffs Harbour Landcare and help to revegetate and protect our coastal plants and habitats. For more details: www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au

Next time you're at the beach, do a beach clean-up. Collect any rubbish you may come across especially if it is near the waters edge and dispose of in the correct bins.

Plant one of the native species you have found during your Hide n Seek Activity in your garden. You could even plant some bush tucker!

ONLINE

Check out www.juniorlandcare.org.au for lots of great activities including the 'What's in your backyard?' photo competition.

