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Autumn Scavenger Hunt

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Rosehips



...the seed pods of roses can be used in jellies, syrups, sauces and soups. Harvest after the first frost. It has hairy seeds inside – always a good idea to take these out first or you might end up with furballs!

Hawthorn



...is also known as the May Tree as this is when it blossoms. The only British plant to be named after the month it blooms and a spiky one as well!

Sloes



...is the fruit of the Blackthorn (another very, very spiky plant!) that can be used to make sloe gin but is also useful as a cattle-proof hedge (they don't like the thorns either!).

Crab Apple



...in latin it is known as Malus sylvestris which means Forest Apple and our woodland certainly has a large number of these around! Useful for crab apple jelly.

Oak

...there are lots of different species of oak and legend has it that King Arthur made his round table out of one slice of a giant ancient oak! It must have been huge to get all those knights around it!

 Fungi

...there are lots of different types – some you can eat and some that would kill you! They are basically recyclers as they break down dead tissue and pass the essential nutrients back into earth.

 **Hazel
Catkins**

...a very useful, sustainable tree that may be seen with nuts, catkins and very small red flowers

 Ivy

...only older Ivy plants have flowers – they grow together in clusters known as umbels

 **Lords &
Ladies**

...also known as Cuckoo Pint. A big light green leaf/flower in the Spring and a tight group of red berries on a stalk in the Autumn.

 **Pine
Cone**

...the carrier of the seeds from the pines around our park (mainly Scots and Corsican Pine)

