

Resources

Berries of Interior Alaska

Activities



The more students work with the names and information about Berries the more they will remember about the different kinds of berries growing in Interior Alaska. Here are a few more ACTIVITIES for learning about berries.

DRAWINGS to color: The following are included for copying and coloring

- Full size page drawings of 9 common berries – have students color pictures (consult guide books if necessary) and label with berry name
- Girl picking berries and family picking berries – color the pictures and add title or a short narrative to go with the picture
- Mount drawings on heavier paper for display, or use for a berry book

CARDS:

- Make a Berry Bingo game by mounting the small pictures on cards for "calling cards" (cut apart), and mount the 12 Bingo cards on heavy paper for players to use. Laminate if possible. Use beans or buttons for game pieces.
- Make cards for other games such as Old Maid, by mounting sets of the small pictures. Have students name each berry as the card is used.
- Make flash cards for students to practice Berry ID.

LEAF PRINTS:

A good way to learn about the whole berry plant is to make various types of prints with the leaves.

BERRY IDENTIFICATION BOOK:

A book about local berries can be made to share with others by using some of the information and materials learned and developed in the previous lessons. This could be done in groups or by having the whole class work on one book.

Some things you could include in your book:

- 1) Colored sketches and/or color photos of local berries
- 2) Pressed and laminated leaves and stems
- 3) English and local Native names
- 4) Description or map of where each berry is found
- 5) Description of the uses of each berry

BERRY RECIPE BOOK:

Put together a berry recipe book:

Get recipes from home and/or look at cookbooks and choose recipes to include. There are a few recipes in the "Cooking" part of this Section. Many recipes may also be found in some of the books on the "Library Resources" List also in this section (e.g. *Alaska Wild Berry Guide and Cookbook, Cooking Alaska, Discovering Wild Plants*)



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