

Berry Matching Game

Play a game to match Alaska berries with their flowers!



Materials Needed:

Berries and Flowers Matching Game Cards, scissors. *Optional:* Thin cardboard, glue.

Prepare Your Cards:

Cut out all 9 pairs of cards (18 cards in total) along the solid lines. To make them sturdier, glue on thin cardboard.

How To Play:

Objective: Match the berry and flower cards of the same species.

Lay the 18 cards face-down. Take turns flipping over two cards. If the two cards are the same species, the player keeps the pair and goes again. If they don't match, the player leaves the cards where they are and turns them face-down again. The next player takes their turn.

Continue playing until all the cards have been collected. The player with the most pairs is the winner.

To adapt the game for younger children, use two copies of the berry matching cards, leaving out the flower cards. Instead of matching the berry to its flower, match the identical berry pictures.



Ripe bog blueberries (*Vaccinium uliginosum*).
Image: Wikimedia Commons.

Identifying Berry Plants:

Berries are only ripe for a short time each year. For the rest of the year, you can identify a berry plant by its leaves and flowers. Their shape, size, and color are all clues to what kind of plant it is.



Flowers from a bog blueberry plant (*Vaccinium uliginosum*).
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Winterberry Activities

Matching Game Cards: Berries



Bog Blueberry
(*Vaccinium uliginosum*)



Crowberry
(*Empetrum nigrum*)



Lowbush Cranberry
[Lingonberry]
(*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)



Highbush Cranberry
(*Viburnum edule*)



Cloudberry [Salmonberry]
(*Rubus chamaemorus*)



Rosehip [Prickly Rose]
(*Rosa acicularis*)



Red Raspberry
(*Rubus idaeus*)



Wild Strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)



Baneberry
(*Actaea rubra*)
POISONOUS!

Note: Images are not to scale.

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Rosehip: Winterberry. All others: Wikimedia Commons.

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