

# *Native vs Invasive:*

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*Explore Your Local Flora (& Fungi)*



Extraschooling

EXPLORE - LEARN - LAUGH - GROW - REPEAT

*Native Plant #1:*

PICK A TREE

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*What type of environment do they prefer?*

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*What are their climate (temperature, precipitation, etc.) requirements?*

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*How big and old do they grow?*

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*What predators or diseases do they face?*

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*How do they reproduce?*

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*How abundant and healthy are they locally?*

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*Do they face any threats in their environment?*

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*Why are they important in this ecosystem?*

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*Native Plant #2:*

PICK A FLOWER

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*Native Plant #3:*

PICK A SHRUB

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*Native Plant #4:*

PICK A GRASS

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*Native Plant #5:*

PICK A FRUITING PLANT

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*Native Animal #6:*

PICK A FUNGUS

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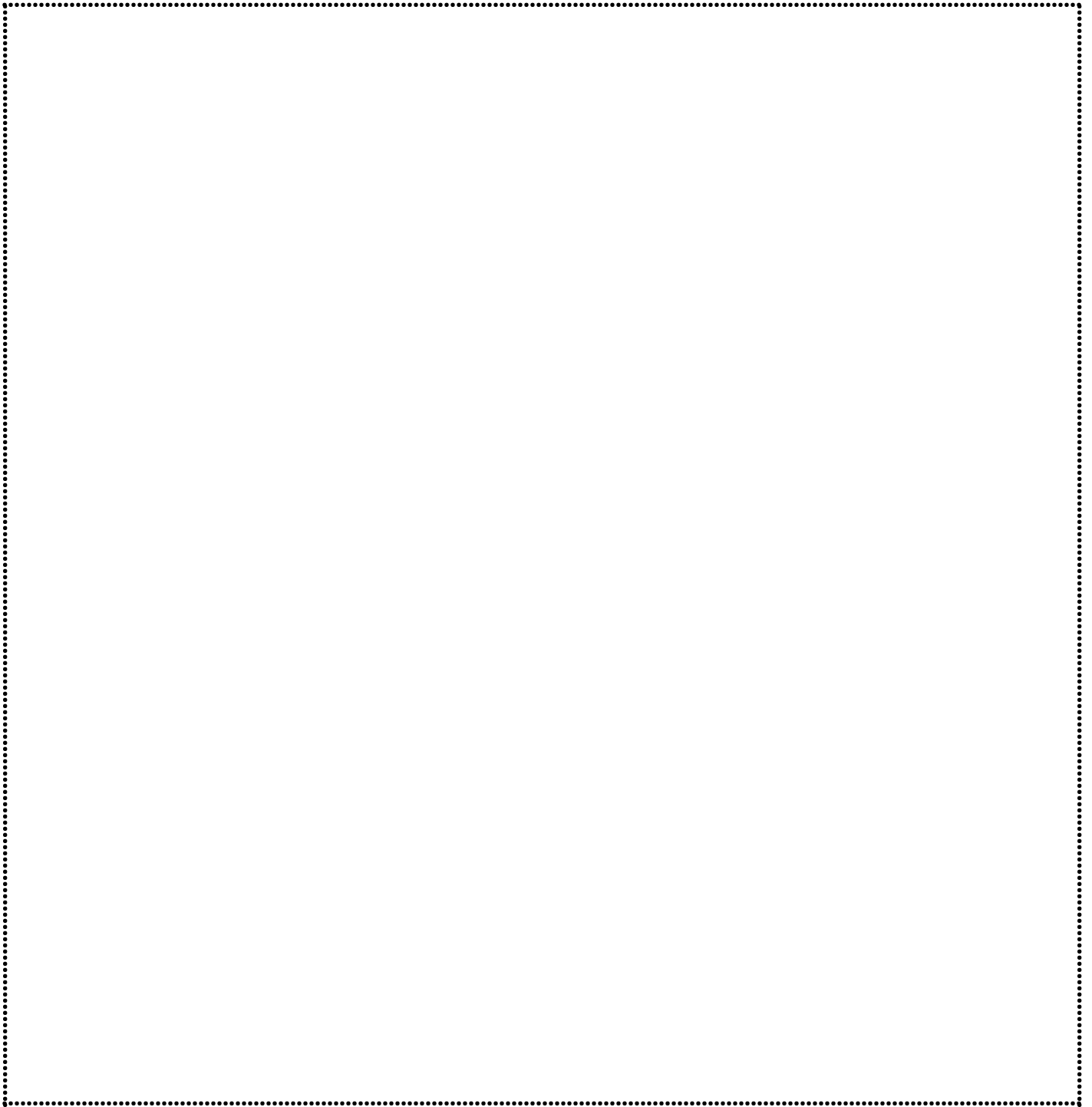
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*Native Plant #7:*

PICK A **VINE, FERN, CACTUS,** OR OTHER PLANT OF YOUR CHOICE

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*Now...*

PICK AN **INVASIVE SPECIES**

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*What is their native environment, and how did they get here?*

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*What is their typical lifespan?*

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*How big do they get, and how fast do they grow?*

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*What insects, diseases, etc., affect them?*

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*How do they reproduce?*

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*Which native species are they directly affecting and how?*

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*What effect are they having on the ecosystem as a whole?*

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*Is anything being done to control their spread?*

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- *Blossom ~*

- *Cactus ~*

- *Climate ~*

- *Deciduous ~*

- *Ecosystem ~*

- *Environment ~*

- *Evergreen ~*

- *Fern ~*

- *Flora ~*

- *Flower ~*

- *Fruit ~*

- *Fungus ~*

- *Grass ~*

- *Invasive ~*

- *Native ~*

- *Pollination ~*

- *Precipitation ~*

- *Reproduce ~*

- *Root ~*

- *Shrub ~*

- *Tree ~*

- *Vine ~*