Know Your Crops and Weeds
Activity Guide for 4-H Leaders

The ability to recognize plants and seeds of importance in Oregon should interest everyone. Learning to identify the plants can be part of a club activity or an individual project. Recognizing the role of these plants in Oregon's agriculture, conservation, or home environment can be a pleasant experience. Associated activities can include preparation of mounts or seed samples, or field trips to locate plants in their natural habitat.

Local, county, or state contests will provide opportunity to test one's skill in identification with others. The state contest will include 70 plants, distinctive plant parts, or seeds (in case of cultivated plants).

The following list is suggested for use in county and state contests.

**Cultivated Plants**

- Alfalfa
- Barley
- Bentgrass
- Brome grass, smooth
- Bluegrass, Kentucky
- Clover, crimson
- Clover, red
- Clover, subterranean
- Clover, white
- Corn, dent
- Corn, pop
- Corn, sweet
- Dill
- Fescue, chewings
- Fescue, creeping red
- Fescue, tall
- Flax
- Foxtail, meadow
- Hops
- Lupine, white
- Meadowfoam
- Mint
- Oats, white
- Oats, red
- Orchardgrass
- Peas (Austrian)
- Peas (yellow or green)
- Potatoes
- Rapeseed
- Rye
- Ryegrass, annual
- Ryegrass, perennial
- Sorghum
- Soybean
- Sudangrass
- Sugar beets
- Timothy
- Trefoil, birdsfoot
- Triticale
- Vetch, hairy
- Wheat, hard red
- Wheat, soft white
- Wheat, durum
- Wheatgrass, crested
- Wheatgrass, bluebunch
Native Plants and Weeds

Barley, wild
Barnyardgrass
Bermudagrass
* Bindweed, field (morning glory)
Blackberry, evergreen
Blackberry, Himalaya
* Bluegrass, annual
* Bracken (Bracken fern)
Broom, Scotch
* Buttercup, creeping
* Carrot, wild
* Cheatgrass (Downy brome)
* Chickweed, mouseear
Chicory
Clover, hop
* Cress, hoary (white top)
* Dandelion, common
Dandelion, false
Dock, broadleaf
* Dock, curly
Dodder
Dogfennel
Everlasting, pearly
* Fiddleneck, coast (fiddleneck tarweed)
Garlic, wild
Goatgrass
Gorse
Groundsel, common
Haloeaton
Hemlock, poison
Horsetail, field
Johnsongrass
Knapweed, diffuse
* Knotweed, prostrate

* Lambsquarters
Larkspur
Lupine, blue
* Mallow, common
Medusahead
* Oak, poison
Oats, wild
* Pigweed, redroot
Plantain, broadleaf
* Plantain, buckhorn
* Quackgrass
Rabbitbrush
Ragweed
Rose, sweetbrier
Sage, Mediterranean
Sagebrush
Shepherdspurse
Skeletonweed
* Sorrel, red (Sorrel, sheep)
Sowthistle, annual
* Spurge, leafy
St. Johnswort
Starthistle, yellow
Sweetclover
Tansy
* Tansy ragwort
* Thistle, bull
* Thistle, Canada
* Thistle, Russian
Toadflax, Dalmatian
Turnip, wild
* Velvetgrass
Waterhemlock, western
* Yarrow

* Suggested for junior contests

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