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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
- Bromegrass, 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barley, wild Barnyardgrass Bermudagrass * Bindweed, field (<i>morning glory</i>) Blackberry, evergreen Blackberry, Himalaya * Bluegrass, annual * Bracken (Bracken fern) Broom, Scotch * Buttercup, creeping * Carrot, wild * Cheatgrass (<i>Downy brome</i>) * 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 Halogeton Hemlock, poison Horsetail, field Johnsongrass Knapweed, diffuse * Knotweed, prostrate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 |
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- * *Suggested for junior contests*

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