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Home Lab Activity # 14

Activity Title: **Native or Not Challenge**

**Materials Needed:**

1. Internet connected device to access native plant databases or simple Google search. Note: Many states have their own specific databases that you can Google for.

Suggested Plants Databases/Searches

USGS Plants of Louisiana- <https://warcapps.usgs.gov/PlantID/>

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Database- <https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>

Southeastern US Plants Database- <http://www.southeasternflora.com/>

USDA Plants Database- <https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/java/>

1. Two plants (can be cultivated, weeds, trees, etc., ANY plant that you know the common name of.

**Instructions:**

1. Using Google or any of the plants databases provided, enter the common name of each plant. Log it also into the results section below.
2. Write the botanical name of each plant in the results section below. You can often google the common name to also find the botanical name. Write this in the section below.
3. Using one of the plants databases provided (you may need to check more than one, or find one specific to your area), determine if this plant is native to your area or introduced. Write this below.
4. If the plant is not native to your area, use Google to determine where it originated from by searching the botanical name plus “native range”. Write this information below.
5. Photograph each plant and post your results to the discussion board!

**Results:**

Plant #1:

1. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Botanical Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Native or Not? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If not native to your area, where did this plant originate from?

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Plant #2:

1. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Botanical Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Native or Not? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If not native to your area, where did this plant originate from?

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**Reminder to post a photo AND your results to discussion board link!**

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