

### **peat moss**

I am a very low plant that lives in dark, moist parts of the woods or on the north side of trees. I do not have true stems, leaves or roots. If you are on a walk in the woods, you may find a large spongy area filled with me that feels like you are standing on a mattress. On the European continent, they cut me into bricks, dry me, and then burn me in the fireplace like wood or coal.

Who am I?

### **horsetail**

Because of the very rough surface of my branches, people used to use me to scour pans, just as steel wool is used today. I grow on riverbanks, at the edge of roads and near railroad tracks. Long ago, there were huge tree-like plants of me. One of them, called *Calamites*, helped to make our coal. Fossils of its ridged and jointed stems are common in coal beds.

Who am I?

### **whisk fern**

I am a primitive leafless plant. My Latin name, *psilophyta*, means “bare plant.” My common name comes from the fact that people have used my branches for brooms for thousands of years.

Who am I?

### **fern**

I am an attractive, leafy plant. Sometimes you see me in your classrooms, your homes, and your gardens or as a part of a flower decoration. I reproduce by growing spores behind my leaves or in a cluster at the base of my plant. One of my plants is called bracken. Eeyore was always walking through bracken, or ferns, in the book Winnie the Pooh.

Who am I?

### **club moss**

I am found in moist, wooded areas and sometimes look like a miniature pine tree. The Latin name for me, *lyco-podo-phyta*, means “wolf-footed plant” because of the spore bearing clubs that look like a foot.

Who am I?

### **sago palm**

I was the first plant to have seeds. Though few of me are alive today, there were forests of me millions of years ago. Some of my relatives look like pineapples. I can live to be 1,000 years old.

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palmetto palm	I am named after the shape of my huge leaves.
cattail	I look like a sausage on a stick, . . .
lady's slipper	I am a showy, wild purple orchid,
corn	It is hard to believe that I am a form of grass.
foxglove	I am a beautiful, bouquet-like spike of flowers
evening primrose	<i>Primula</i> is my real name
carrot	I am a large orange tap-root growing below a leafy green plant.
dandelion	Every part of my plant is edible;
tomato	I am the fruit of the notorious <i>deadly nightshade</i> family of plants.
sage	I am a very fragrant herb with a blue flower
daylily	My grass-like plant spreads through rhizomes,
weeping willow tree	I am a lovely, sleepy-looking tree.
oak tree	I am a large tree with a strong trunk.
prickly pear cactus	Watch out for me, for I am sharp!
yellow buttercup	I probably am growing in the shady areas of your backyard.
wallflower	My flowers look so beautiful and flat, they could be part . . .
carnation	Perhaps you have seen people wearing . . .
gingko	I am a living fossil tree and my name . . .
Douglas fir	Hans Christian Anderson wrote a very sad . . .
magnolia	I am a large, showy tree with huge, shiny deep green leaves.
welwitschia	You have most likely never seen me.
sweetbrier rose	I am one of the old-fashioned variety of bush . . .
white clover	Bees love my purple or white flowers.

### **daffodil**

My bulb is asleep all winter. At the first thaw, I poke my grass-like leaves through the earth. My flower looks like a yellow cup surrounded by petals. I am a symbol of spring in many places. Some people call me “jonquil”.

Who am I?

### **lady's slipper**

I am a showy, wild purple orchid, but I am totally camouflaged by the light and colors of the woods around me. I could be right under your nose as you walk by me in the woods when suddenly, I am there in front of you. But don't pick me!!! There is a one hundred dollar fine for picking an endangered beauty such as me.

Who am I?

### **palmetto palm**

I am named after the shape of my huge leaves. I am found in humid, tropical lands near the water. I have a compound flower that forms a compound fruit. I do not have a true trunk. The dead leaves of my plant fall over, year after year, and form a sturdy base for me. The banana and the coconut grow on a similar plant.

Who am I?

### **corn**

It is hard to believe that I am a form of grass. You think I am a vegetable, but I am really a cereal! My seeds grow on a cob and you eat me boiled with lots of butter and salt and pepper at your family's barbecue.

Who am I?

### **cattail**

I look like a sausage on a stick, but I am really a strange-looking seedpod of a compound flower. I grow in swamps along roadsides and many people pick me to go into large flower arrangements.

Who am I?

### **foxglove**

I am a beautiful, bouquet-like spike of flowers that grows in country gardens. My Latin name is *digitalis* and I have been used in medicines for centuries as a cure for heart problems. But don't eat me - I am extremely poisonous.

Who am I?

### **evening primrose**

*Primula* is my real name. I am the first flower that opens in the spring on the European continent. I come in all colors and am a much-loved plant of many gardeners. My large leaves and sweet blossoms open in the early evening.

Who am I?

### **carrot**

I am a large orange taproot growing below a leafy green plant. I am a great source of vitamin A and you are always told to eat me so you can see in the dark. This is not a tale: eating me will help your eyes and improve your night vision as well as protect your body from certain illnesses.

Who am I?

### **tomato**

I am the fruit of the notorious *deadly nightshade* family of plants. For years, humans were afraid to eat me because of my poisonous relatives. One day, a very brave person discovered that I was not only safe to eat, but also delicious! You now use me cooked as a sauce on pizza or sliced in lovely salads.

Who am I?

### **dandelion**

Every part of my plant is edible: the root, stem, leaves and flowers. I am a very useful plant. In Russia, they use me to make an artificial rubber, but in this country, I am considered a pesky weed. You may have trouble weeding me from your garden because breaking my carrot-like taproot will make me grow a new plant. My seedpod is beautiful and round. Some children make a wish and blow and if all my seeds fly off, they believe their wish will come true.

Who am I?

### **sage**

I am a very fragrant herb with a blue flower. My leaves are a smoky colored light green. I am used as an herb flavoring in the stuffing you have with your turkey dinner.

Who am I?

### **daylily**

My grass-like plant spreads through rhizomes, underground roots that send up new shoots every few feet. My name comes from when I bloom and how long my orange or yellow flower lasts.

Who am I?

### **weeping willow tree**

I am a lovely, sleepy-looking tree. My leaves are light green, long and slender and sway in the wind. My roots are shallow. My branches bend easily and people have made baskets out of them for thousands of years.

Who am I?

### **yellow buttercup**

I probably am growing in the shady areas of your backyard. Your parents and grandparents played this game with me: Put my flower right under someone's chin. If there is a reflection of yellow from the flower, it shows that they like butter!

Who am I?

### **oak tree**

I am a large tree with a strong trunk. I am a symbol of strength for many people. Squirrels and chipmunks are fond of my capped, fruit-like seeds. They collect and store them for the winter. These animals do a great job for me, because some of their buried food becomes new trees in the forest each year.

Who am I?

### **wallflower**

My flowers look so beautiful and flat; they could be part of wallpaper. My flowers come in all colors and my tall, sturdy greenery are part of many perennial gardens.

Who am I?

### **prickly pear cactus**

Watch out for me, for I am sharp! My spines protect me from all the animals that want to drink the water I store while growing in the hot desert sun. I surprise many people with my splendidly colorful flowers. Many people eat me as a vegetable or even make me into a sugary candy!

Who am I?

### **carnation**

Perhaps you have seen people wearing me in their lapels. I come in all colors and am a sturdy and long-lasting flower with a pleasant odor. Though this is not my only color, I am related to flowers called "pinks." I am also edible.

Who am I?

### **gingko**

I am a living fossil tree and my name means “golden apricot” in Japanese. I am easy to spot, even from far away, because my leaves look like small umbrellas and my branches stick straight out from the trunk. In the autumn, my leaves turn bright yellow and all fall to the ground on the same day.

Who am I?

### **welwitschia**

You have most likely never seen me. I am a strange-looking, cone-bearing desert plant that grows in southwestern Africa. My leaves look like straps of leather, are wide and trail on endlessly for many yards. My root and stem are special water storage organs.

Who am I?

### **Douglas fir**

Hans Christian Anderson wrote a very sad Christmas tale about me. I am a cone-bearing, very tall and straight tree whose trunk was used as masts on the tall ships of old.

Who am I?

### **sweetbriar rose**

I am one of the old-fashioned varieties of a bush that produces a flower used to symbolize love. My particular flower is always pink and sweet smelling. I produce a fruit called a “hip” which contains one of the greatest sources of vitamin C in the world.

Who am I?

### **magnolia**

I am a large, showy tree with huge, shiny, deep green leaves. My white and waxy flowers are large and sweet smelling. Many writers use me as a symbol of the old southern United States.

Who am I?

### **white clover**

Bees love my purple or white flowers. My greenery has three leaves, but if you sit very quietly and look and look, you can find one of me that has four leaves. Some people think this will bring you luck.

Who am I?