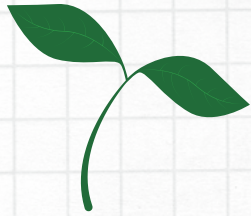


VOYAGEURS DISCOVERY PAGES

WHAT'S BLOOMING? AND WHERE?



WHAT IS A HABITAT?

A habitat is where a plant or animal finds food, water, and shelter. Habitats may be wet or dry, sunny or shady, and have many or few nutrients in the soil. To survive in their special habitats, plants must change or adapt to the amount of water, oxygen, light, and food they receive. These changes or adaptations can be thought of as a plant's tools to help it live and grow.

Here are two pictures of **habitats** at Voyageurs National Park!



THINK ABOUT ADAPTATIONS

When scientists study plants they think about the plants' tools or adaptations. Now you are going to think like a scientist. Find at least 3 plants and complete the Plant Scavenger Hunt on the next pages.



Plant Scavenger Hunt



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Measure the height of the plant.

How could the plant's size help it survive in this habitat?

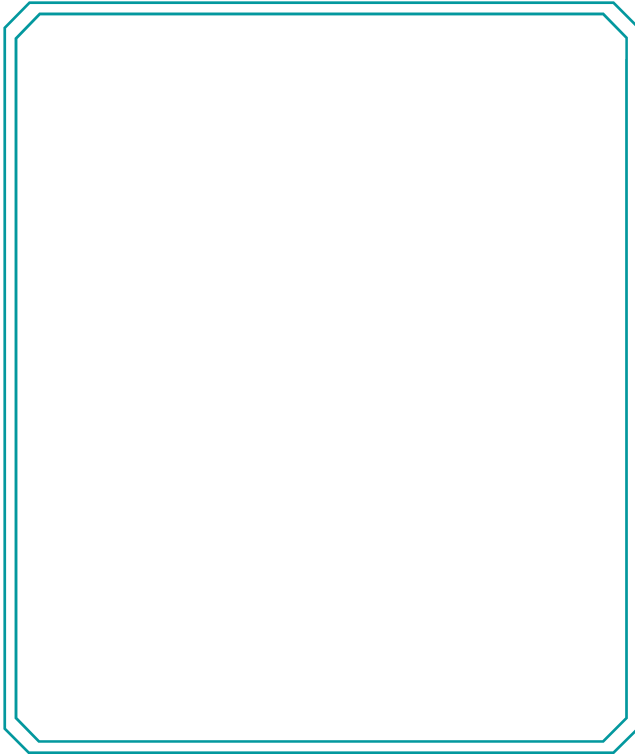
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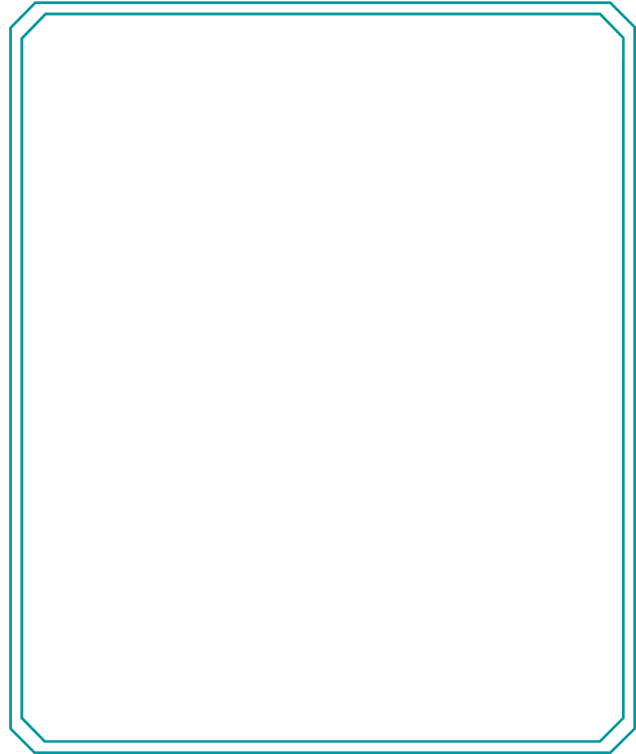
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DRAW ONE LEAF



Are the leaves big or small? How might bigger leaves help a plant that is in the shade?

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Are there seeds on the flower? What adaptations could help the seeds travel?



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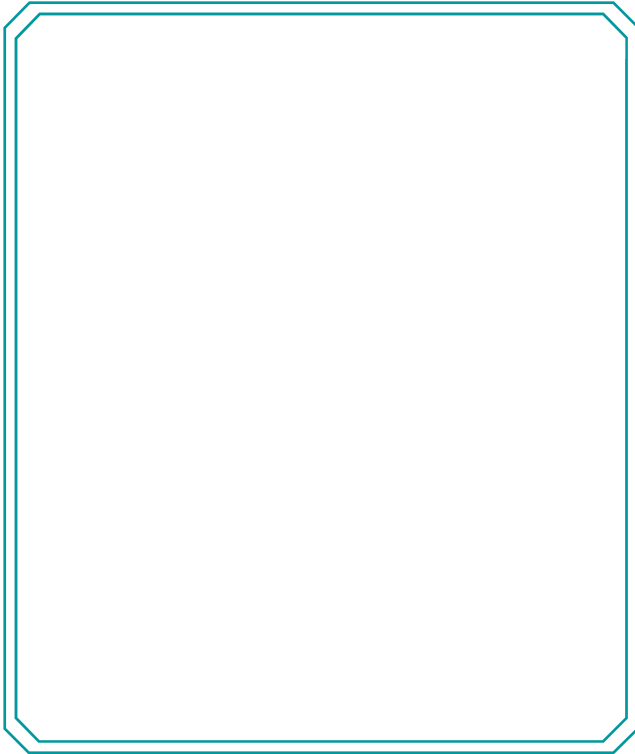
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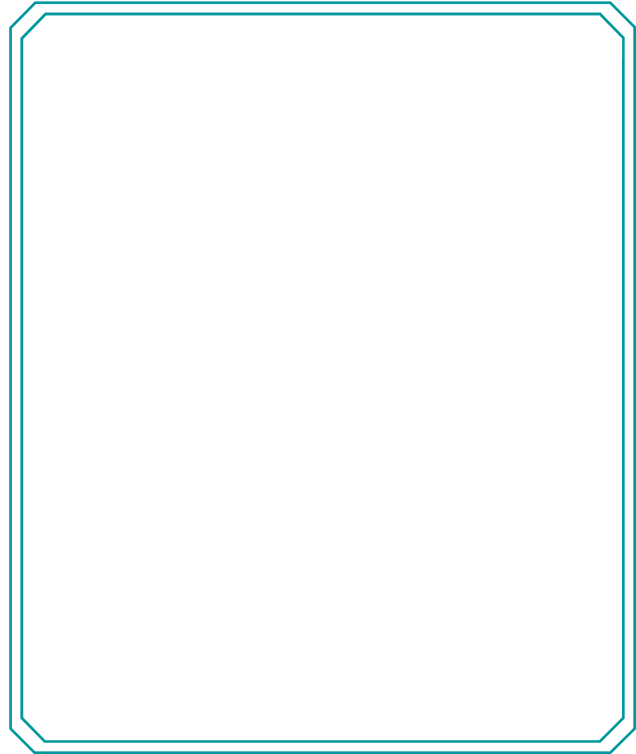
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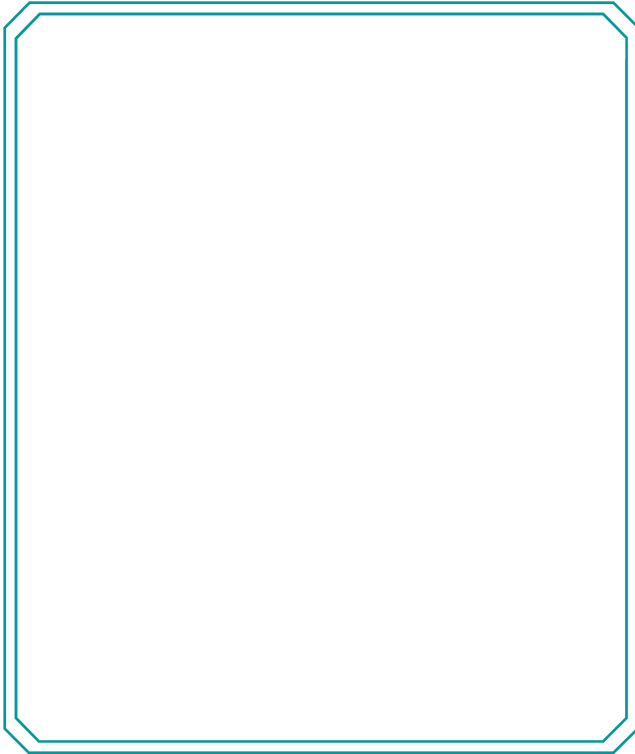
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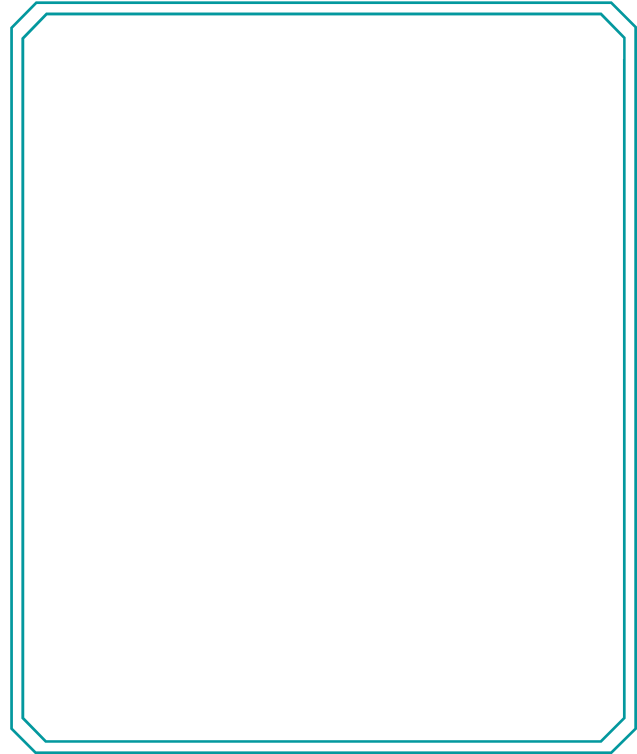
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