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First Class Nature Requirement 5a

Reference Information

5a *Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of native plants found in your local area or campsite location. You may show evidence by identifying fallen leaves or fallen fruit that you find in the field, or as part of a collection you have made, or by photographs you have taken.*

The First Class requirements checklist can be opened and printed here:

https://www.troop2bsa.org/_files/ugd/142822_0c0e9ae332c34d9d901083fa751e3045.pdf

You can find guidance or the actual answer for every First Class requirement in the Scout Handbook.

NATURE identify 10 native plants - PROCESS

Take a picture of each plant or tree that you identify. You must take the picture yourself. The spirit of this nature requirement is for you to learn to be an amateur naturalist by walking around outside.

Please do not use any pictures taken by others, and certainly none that you find by searching the web.

Put all 10 pictures into **one Google document** and identify each picture with the name of the plant and where you saw it.

When you are finished, please send to your First Class rank advisor(s), an email with a link to your document.

Please do not send individual pictures attached to email or a document attached to email.
This fills up our email box with files.

Confirm your plants are NATIVE to Southern California

The most important aspect of this requirement is to identify plants that are native to southern California.

Keep in mind, some plants that you see may not be native to Southern California. Instead they originated from other parts of North America or elsewhere in the world, and were often brought here by humans.

After you identify each plant, you can confirm whether it is native to California by entering the name of the plant in the search page at these websites:

<https://www.calflora.org/search.html>

<https://calscape.org/>

You may use an app on your phone to identify plants

There are some fun apps that you can put on your phone to help you identify plants. If you explore these, we would like to get your thoughts on what app(s) you used and whether you like it. You are not required to use an app, and if you use an app, it can be any app you wish (not just the ones listed here).

<https://identify.plantnet.org>

<http://leafsnap.com>

<https://www.plantsnap.com>

Here are lists of apps and reviews:

<https://backgarden.org/plant-identification-apps/>

<https://brightly.eco/best-plant-identification-app/>

<https://www.educationalappstore.com/best-apps/best-plant-identification-apps>

You may do this while walking the orienteering course

Temescal park may be a good place to find 10 plants native to California. Or a city park.

Or you could identify plants native to California at Will Rogers State Park if you choose walk the Troop 2 do-it-yourself orienteering course for Navigation requirement 4a.