



Native Plant Comparison Chart

Directions: Go to the following website <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/photos.html> Choose two native plants for Florida - one terrestrial and one aquatic. Research and fill in the comparison chart using the categories below for each of the plants. Answer the discussion questions on the next page.

Name of Plant (give common and genus/species names)	Native Habitat (terrestrial, aquatic, swamp, marsh, etc.)	Characteristics of Plant (Color, leaf size, perennial/annual, or biennial, smell, flower type, etc.)	Method of Reproduction	Location in Florida	Environmental and Economical Impacts (How are the plants used by animals and humans?)



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Discussion Questions:

1. What is a native plant?

2. Why are native plants so important to an ecosystem? (Give at least two reasons.)

3. Are there any plants or animals that depend on this plant for survival?

Extension Activities:

1. What laws in Florida govern native plants?

2. What effects are native plants having on Florida's aquaculture industry?

3. Which native plants are important to Florida's economy?



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