

JUNIOR RANGERS



Precious Plants

Native plants are those plants which occur naturally in a region, like the Bottlebrush, Banksia and Correa in Australia. A **non-native** is one that does not, like Fishbone Ferns, Cassia, Flatweed and Blowfly Grass. Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they need far less water, saving this valuable resource, time and money. Native plants provide vital habitat and food for many types of birds, lizards, mammals and insects.

Sort these plants into the below table using information found in this activity and/or your own research (such as the internet or reference books):

Bottlebrush, Blowfly Grass, Cassia, Banksia, Abelia, Fishbone Fern, Flatweed and Correa

Native Plants	Non-Native Plants



Can you fill in this apple tree life cycle using the stages mentioned in the centre? Once you are done, draw a picture of each stage!

Let's grow an apple tree!

What you need:

- Apple Seed
- Paper Towel
- Ziplock Bag
- Paper Cup full of soil for planting (Or anything you have around the house you may like to plant your seed in; old teapot, teacup, jar etc.)

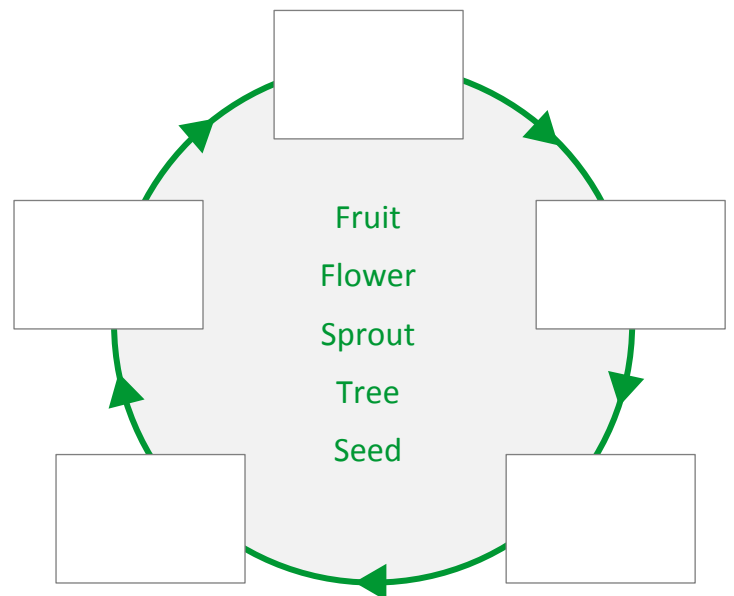


Step 1. Place your apple seed inside the paper towel and fold it all up nice and neat.

Step 2. Wet the paper towel generously

Step 3. Place the paper towel and seed in the ziplock bag, close and put it in the fridge!

Check on your little seed every few days and once it has sprouted you can drop it into your cup and cover with a bit of soil, water and watch it grow!

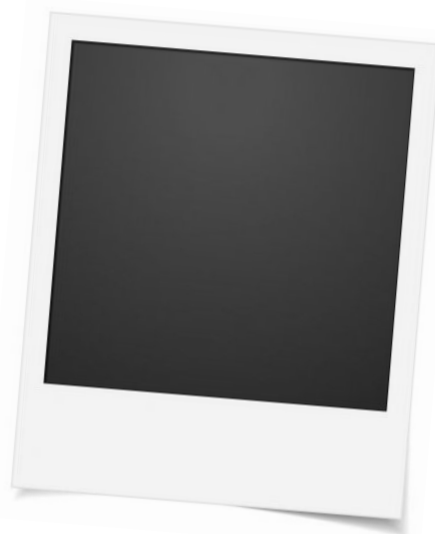
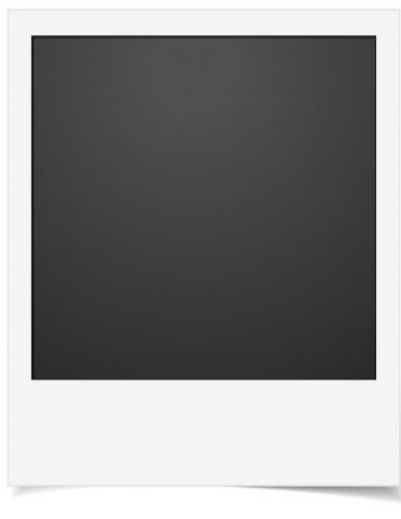


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Plants are an important part of nature. They are tall, short, fluffy, rough, colourful and wonderful in their diversity. Plants are the backbone of natural places and having a variety of plants helps to keep nature healthy.

Take a selfie with 3 different plants in your garden!



Choose your favourite plant or tree and write a letter to it. Sit beside your choice and think about why it is your favourite, what is special about it and how it makes you feel!
