



# WEEDS AND WILDFLOWERS



1. Define or describe what is referred to as a wildflower.

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2. Define or describe what is referred to as a weed.

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3. Most wildflowers and weeds fall into four general categories. Describe these four types.

- a. Native \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Introduced or Non-Native \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Naturalized \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. Invasive \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How are most non-native plants usually introduced into a new geographic area? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. List at least eight plants — four that are generally considered weeds and four generally regarded as wildflowers — that grow within ten miles (16 kilometers) of your home. Include both the common name and the scientific name. State whether the plant is native or non-native/introduced.

WEEDS			
Common Name	Scientific Name	Native	Non-native/Introduced

WILDFLOWERS			
Common Name	Scientific Name	Native	Non-native/ Introduced

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6. From the plants you listed in #5, add the following information.

WEEDS		
Name	Blooming Period	How Plant Propagates

WILDFLOWERS		
Name	Blooming Period	How Plant Propagates

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7. Name one example of a plant that is generally considered to be both a weed and a wildflower in your area. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why it is important to include the scientific name as well as the common name for each specimen?

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9. Of the plants listed in #5, are any considered a noxious or prohibited species in your state, province, or region? If so, which and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Take detailed photos — as close up as your camera allows — of at least three weeds and three wildflowers. Make a scrapbook that contains these photos and includes this information:

1. Plant common and scientific name
2. Origin
3. Growing habit (perennial, annual)
4. Type of soil and conditions (field or marsh, shade or sunlight, etc.)
5. Status (endangered? protected? etc.)

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