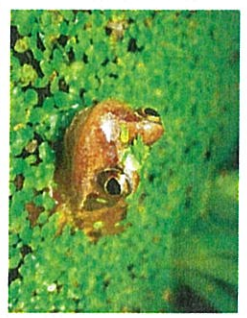


# Habitat Hunt Hike – Look in different habitats for different plants and animals or signs of animals.

Habitats and Plants to look for today:

## Pond and Riparian

- \_\_\_ Cattail
- \_\_\_ Bulrush
- \_\_\_ Arrow plant
- \_\_\_ Duckweed
- \_\_\_ Algae



Riparian = Near river, in river floodplain

- \_\_\_ Cottonwood Trees
- \_\_\_ Milkweed
- \_\_\_ Evening primrose – tall stiff – up to 6', hard seed pods, blooms in evening
- \_\_\_ Nutall's sunflower – tall and bush like
- \_\_\_ Yarrow (soft feathery leaves)



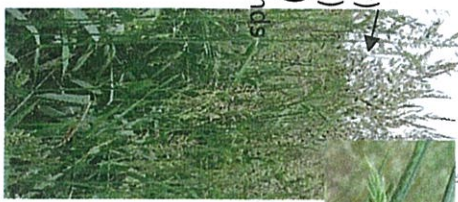
## Field and Prairie

- \_\_\_ Buffalo grass
- \_\_\_ Horseweed
- \_\_\_ Sage
- \_\_\_ Prairie Coneflower
- \_\_\_ Rabbitbrush
- \_\_\_ Curlycup Gumweed
- \_\_\_ Asters – small daisy like flowers
- \_\_\_ Verbena – tiny purple flowers growing low
- \_\_\_ Blue grama grass



## Plant Invaders, Planted Plants

- \_\_\_ Curly Dock
- \_\_\_ Orchard grass (wide blade, tall, hay)
- \_\_\_ Wheat grass (seeds look like wheat)
- \_\_\_ Mullen (soft fuzzy leaves, tall stalk)
- \_\_\_ Canary Grass – super tall by the ponds
- \_\_\_ Canada thistle – shown
- \_\_\_ Musk Thistle – big head
- \_\_\_ Russian Olive Trees
- \_\_\_ Alfalfa (planted field)
- \_\_\_ Puncture Vine = Goat Heads



## Animals & Birds (including Sign: scat, feathers or fur, and tracks):

- \_\_\_ Elk – tracks?
- \_\_\_ Raccoon – tracks?
- \_\_\_ Fish – in or out of the pond
- \_\_\_ Salamanders
- \_\_\_ Spring peepers (listen, little frogs make lots of noise)



- \_\_\_ Canada geese
- \_\_\_ Mallard
- \_\_\_ Coot
- \_\_\_ Wood duck
- \_\_\_ Heron
- \_\_\_ Cormorant
- \_\_\_ Merganser
- \_\_\_ Red Winged BB
- \_\_\_ Owls GHO
- \_\_\_ Nuthatch
- \_\_\_ Chickadee



- \_\_\_ Rabbit (can count remains of an eaten rabbit)
- \_\_\_ Fox (pointy small dark scat)
- \_\_\_ Coyote (larger, fur filled scat)
- \_\_\_ Domestic Dog (dog food in, dog food out)
- \_\_\_ Plains garter snake
- \_\_\_ Bull snake (you might see snake tracks in silt)
- \_\_\_ Meadow lark
- \_\_\_ Kestrel
- \_\_\_ Redtail hawk
- \_\_\_ Robin
- \_\_\_ Belted kingfisher
- \_\_\_ Osprey
- \_\_\_ Northern flicker
- \_\_\_ Oriol (look for nest)
- \_\_\_ Swallows

