

NEEDED: A HOME!

If plants and animals could choose their homes like people do, what would they look for? Each would have its own requirements.

Pretend that you are a particular plant or animal that can live on your school site. Use the following checklist to make notes on what you would like in a home. As you will see, plant concerns are really not so different from people's concerns!



1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT HABITAT. It must suit your particular needs. For example, one house or place may fit the needs of one human family, but not another.

I, _____, like to live in or on

_____.

Name of plant or animal

describe home or habitat, such as pine forest

My habitat must have _____

2. CHECK OUT THE NEIGHBORS. Some neighbors you wouldn't want. Would a carrot, for example, want to settle next to a bunch of rabbits? And some plants are very pushy. On the other hand, you may need helpful neighbors - like pollinators or seed dispersers.

For neighbors, I would like _____

I do not want to live near _____

3. CHECK OUT THE SERVICES. People check out the community services - such as schools, roads, and parks - when they choose homes. But having good eco-services is important to everyone.

Eco-services I need are:

_____ Continued supply of minerals _____ Carbon dioxide making

_____ Climate control _____ Control of pests

_____ Air and water cleaning _____ Soil protection

_____ Recycling of dead matter _____ Other _____