

Investigate Shrub-Steppe Plants

Take a close look at the poster "Conserve Our Western Roots" to answer these questions.

1. Which part of these plants is longer (circle one):

the parts above ground (stems and leaves) or

the parts below ground (roots)?

2. Find the plant names at the bottom. Which plant has the longest roots?

Shortest roots?

3. How tall are you?

How many plants on the poster have roots longer than you are tall?

native plants = plants that have evolved in this area

invasive weeds = plants that did not evolve in this area and compete with native plants

4. Why do you think the native plants have such large roots?

5. What do the animals pictured on the poster use the plants for?

conserve = protect

6. Why is it good to conserve native plants in the shrub-steppe?

sagebrush sea = shrub-steppe

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