

Classroom activities

1. Have each student select a tree or wildflower to research and present to the class.
2. Break the class into small groups. Assign a different region of Ohio to each group. The groups must create a tri-fold poster on the characteristics of their respective regions.
3. Have the class individually collect 12 different species of plants native to Ohio—4 types of tree leaves, 4 types of weeds, and 4 types of wildflowers (these are sample figures—teachers can decrease or increase the amount based on the grade level).
4. Have each student or group of students “identify” a previously unknown plant species. It can be a tree, wildflower or weed, but they must describe in detail the characteristics of the plant, including its seeds, flowers, roots, habitat requirements, etc.