

CLUE CARD # 1

- 1. Look for a shrub about six to eight feet high.**
- 2. It has small, gray-green leaflets.**
- 3. Be careful! The claws or thorns look like cat claws!**
- 4. From March-May, it has yellowish flowers that are in a cylinder shape.**
- 5. From late summer to fall, it may have seed pods too!**

CLUE CARD # 2

- 1. Leaves are grayish color.**
- 2. Leaves have thick, spiny edges! Be careful!**
- 3. Leaves are in a big cluster at ground level.**
- 4. If it is summer, look for a tall stem that may have yellow, tubular shaped flowers with lots of insects crawling on them.**
- 5. If it is fall or winter, look for a brown stem and brown finger-like dried seed pods.**
- 6. This plant may not have a flower stem at all, so look for the leaves first!**

CLUE CARD # 3

- 1. Look for a shrub with bluish-green leaves.**
- 2. The leaves are shaped like holly with pointed tips.**
- 3. If it is March or April, look for yellow, fragrant flowers.**
- 4. If it is May through June, look for red berries.**
- 5. Be careful, the leaves may stick you!**

CLUE CARD # 4

- 1. Look for a small tree that has long narrow leaves.**
- 2. The leaves may look like willow leaves, but they are not related!**
- 3. If it is March through September, look for a trumpet shaped flower.**
- 4. The flowers may be light pink to violet.**
- 5. Long slender seed pods, about 6 to 10 inches long, may be on the tree.**

CLUE CARD # 5

- 1. Look for a tall tree growing 67-130 ft.**
- 2. The leaves are large, broad, and are toothed.**
- 3. If it is spring or summer, the leaves will be dark green.**
- 4. If it is fall, the leaves may be yellow.**
- 5. There will be no leaves if it is winter!**
- 6. In April, look for flowers that are either reddish-purple or green.**
- 7. In the summer, female seeds will split open to show cotton-like strands.**

CLUE CARD # 6

- 1. Look for an evergreen tree that is less than 40 feet tall.**
- 2. The leaves are shiny and green.**
- 3. The leaves are shaped like “Holly” leaves.**
- 4. In late summer, you may see acorns on the tree.**
- 5. The acorns are usually $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long.**

CLUE CARD # 7

- 1. Look for a grass that is 2-3 feet tall.**
- 2. Look for oats that are attached to one side of the stem.**
- 3. The oats may be purplish or tan color.**
- 4. It is the official state grass of Texas!**

CLUE CARD # 8

- 1. Look for an evergreen shrub about 3 to 4 feet high.**
- 2. Look for long, slender leaves that resemble joints.**
- 3. In the summer, look for tiny brownish cones in between the joints of the leaves!**

CLUE CARD # 9

- 1. Look for a plant that is 6-20 feet tall.**
- 2. It has a mass of many stems, armed with vicious thorns.**
- 3. The stems may be brown if the area has been in drought.**
- 4. After a rain, the stems have green leaves between the thorns.**
- 5. In the spring, orange-reddish blooms appear on the tips of the stems.**
- 6. The stems may appear as a "Coachwhip."**

CLUE CARD # 10

- 1. Look for a shrub or small tree from 3- 18 feet tall.**
- 2. Look for evergreen leaves.**
- 3. The leaves smell like Vick's Vapor Rub or menthol.**
- 4. The berries may be reddish to copper-brown.**

CLUE CARD # 11

- 1. Look for a plant that has sharply pointed leaves, that are green and grow in a round bunch.**
- 2. The leaves will have little white strings or fibers on them.**
- 3. In March through May, they may have cream colored flowers on a stalk that are bell shaped and resemble a lily.**
- 4. The trunk is brown and cylindrical shaped.**
- 5. You won't have to go far to see this plant.**

CLUE CARD # 12

- 1. Look for a mass of flat, rounded green leaves, with spines on them.**
- 2. This plant is a cactus.**
- 3. In May through July, it may have yellow or peach colored flowers on it.**
- 4. In midsummer, the fruits will be dark red.**
- 5. This plant gets its name from the spines on its leaves.**