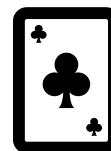




Plant Memory



<i>Objective</i>	To become familiar with common locally evolved and invasive plants in Vermont while practicing memory skills.
<i>Audience</i>	2 or more participants; ages 5+
<i>Duration</i>	5 minutes
<i>Materials</i>	Memory cards (<i>next pages</i>)
<i>Background</i>	The cards with a green box around them are locally evolved plants; the cards with the red box around them are invasive plants.
<i>Procedure</i>	<p>The goal of the game is to accumulate the most points. Participants get a point when they match 2 of the same plant cards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have participants make a circle around a table or the ground. Mix up the cards. Lay the cards face down in rows, making a rectangle with the cards. Make sure there is enough space in between cards so they can be flipped over with ease.2. Moving clockwise around the circle of participants, participants take turns turning over any 2 cards. When a participant turns over their cards, they should read aloud the name of the plant (or describe the plant) and state if it is locally evolved or an invasive plant.3. If the cards match, the participant keeps the cards and gets a point. If the cards do not match, the participant turns them back over and the next participant takes their turn.4. Participants should try to remember which plants are on which cards so they can match them on a future turn. Just because it is another participant's turn doesn't mean you should stop paying attention! They could reveal the location of a card you are looking for.5. The game ends when all the cards have been matched. The participant with the most points (matched cards) at the end of the game wins!

Inspiration Sources – School and camp activities of our youth; activities redesigned for our purposes.

Honeysuckle



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Common Buckthorn



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Wild Parsnip



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Garlic Mustard



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Japanese Knotweed



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Common Reed



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Red osier dogwood



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Painted trillium



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Sugar Maple



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Winterberry



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Bloodroot



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Elderberry



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