

## Brainstorming- Where do you live?

A guide for teachers

### Sawgrass Prairie

- If you live in an area surrounding the Everglades
- Have saw grass (*Cladium jamaicensis*) growing in fields around your house.
- Experience flooding each summer during the rainy season.

### Hammock

Some of the following species may be growing in your yard or neighborhood:

Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*)  
Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)  
Coco Plum (*Chrysobalanus icaco*)  
Lysiloma (*Lysiloma latisiliquum*)  
Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)  
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
Hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*)

If you live in a hammock, your house/neighborhood does not often flood during the rainy season.

### Mangrove Forest

Presence of mangroves on or near your property

Red mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*)- unlikely to have in yard as this plant grows in water.  
Black mangrove (*Avicennia germinans*)- also unlikely to have in yard as it grows in tidal zones.  
White mangrove (*Laguncularia racemosa*)  
Buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*)  
Poisonwood (*Metopium toxiferum*)  
Manchineel (*Hippomane mancinella*)  
These last four species are found in the interior of the mangrove forest and grow inland.

It is possible that you live in old mangrove forest if you live very close to the water and have found some, or several of these plants growing on your property.

### Pinelands

You have slash pine/Dade county pine (*Pinus elliottii* var. *densa*) growing in your neighborhood.

Sable palms, palmettos, small shrubs and wildflowers.

Coontie (*Zamia pumila*) is growing naturally in your yard.

The land you are living on is high, dry, rough, and rugged.

Limestone pinnacles may be present.

### Cypress community

Cypress trees (*Taxodium* spp.) are growing in your neighborhood. The land surrounding your house is often wet and muddy.

