

Lesson: Habitat Diversity

What do different habitats look like?

Standard: 2-LS4-1 Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.

- **Vocabulary Words:** Habitat, Riparian Habitat
- Common plants in a riparian habitat: cottonwood trees, willows, cattails,
- Common animals in a riparian habitat: birds, insects, dragon flies, bull frogs, ducks

- **Vocabulary words:** Invasive Species, Salt Cedar, Russian Olive

- **Vocabulary word:** Upland Habitat
- Common plants in an upland habitat: snakeweed, four-wing saltbrush, sage,
- Common land animals in an upland area: rabbits, coyotes, lizards, crickets, grasshoppers, rattlesnakes

Activity: Have students draw the habitat near them. Make sure they include as many plants and animals as they can. Have students answer the following questions: *Why is this habitat important? Why is it important to have many different plants and animals in a habitat?*

