

7. Moss Campion T

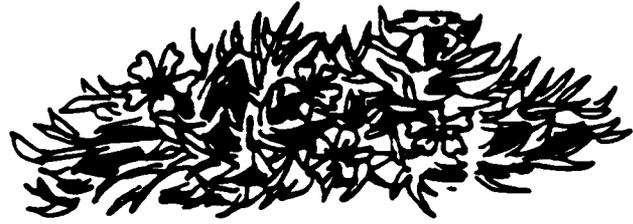
TRAITS: A low “cushion” plant covered with small, light pink flowers.

HABITAT: Dry soil in alpine and lowland tundra.

FOODS: Makes its own food by photosynthesis.

EATEN BY: Dall sheep.

“GEE WHIZ”: Moss campion grows low to the ground in a cushion shape which helps it to avoid strong winds and hold heat.



8. Horsetails *

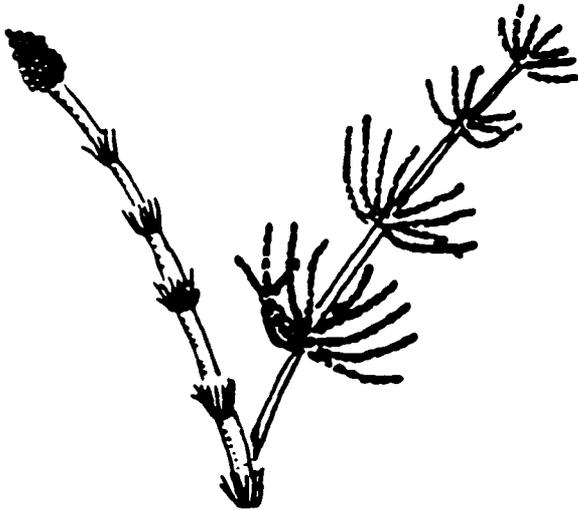
TRAITS: Horsetails have scale-like leaves and distinctly jointed stems.

HABITAT: Wet or moist soils in forests and open areas.

FOODS: Makes its own by photosynthesis.

EATEN BY: Bears, grouse, moose.

“GEE WHIZ”: Horsetail stems contain silica (the element in sand) and can be used for scouring pots and pans. They are also called “scouring rushes.”



9. Grasses *

TRAITS: Ground cover with long, narrow leaves.

HABITAT: Wet, moist, and dry soils.

FOODS: Make their own food by photosynthesis.

EATEN BY: Caribou, lemmings, voles, ground squirrels, snowshoe hares, marmots; their seeds are eaten by snow buntings, longspurs, and redpolls.

“GEE WHIZ”: Grasses have long, narrow leaves which are less likely to be shredded or ripped by strong winds.

