

Where You At?

A Bioregional Quiz

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Permaculture is strongly based in our local ecosystem and our relationship to our place. Use this short quiz to enhance your knowledge of the place you call home. By understanding where we live, and its unique qualities that support our lives, we can become better stewards of our home.

1. Trace the water you drink from precipitation to tap.
2. How many days until the moon is full.
3. Describe the soil type around your house and neighborhood.
4. What is the average rainfall where you live?
5. What is the name of your watershed? Where are the headwaters?
6. What were the primary subsistence techniques of the cultures that lived in your area before you?
7. Name five edible native plants that grow in your area and the season of their availability.
8. What direction do the winter storms usually come from in your region?
9. Where does your garbage go?
10. Where does your sewage go?
11. How long is your growing season? What is the average last frost date and the average first frost date?
12. Name five native trees in your area.
13. Name five resident and migratory birds in your area.
14. What primary geological processes or events influenced the landforms where you live?
15. What animal or plant species are endangered in your area? Extinct?
16. From where you are reading this, point to the north.
17. Name one of the first spring wildflowers to bloom in your area.
18. When does the sun set on winter and summer solstice where you live?
19. What kinds of rocks and minerals are found in your home zone?
20. Could you see the stars last night?
21. What are the greatest threats to the integrity of the ecosystem of your bioregion?