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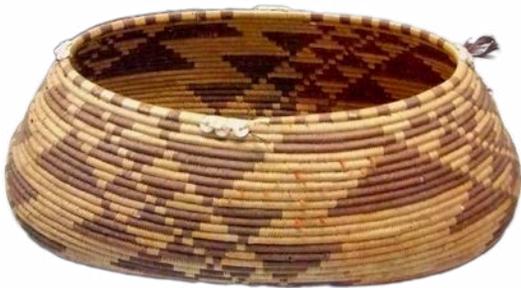
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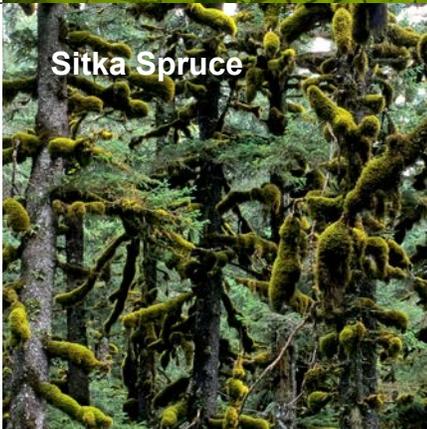
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Maidenhair Fern

It was a cool, foggy morning. My mother and I carefully walked along the shallow creek. As we walked, the banks became higher, until it looked as though we were in a small canyon. When I looked up, the walls were covered in green. Dripping down, like little hands, were the black stems of the maidenhair ferns. My mother and I gathered them so I could use them to make the black designs in my hat.



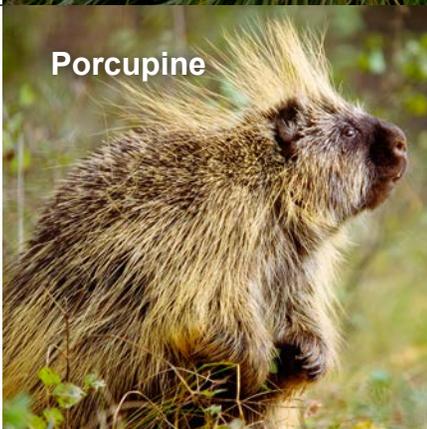
Sitka Spruce

One windy afternoon, I used a stick to dig up small roots from a big tree called Sitka spruce. Sitka spruce trees grow on the ocean coast, where strong winds would knock down other trees, such as redwoods. The spruce roots can be split into very small pieces. I will use them to make a brown circle in the center of my hat.



Bear Grass

Not far from our village, there is a clearing in the middle of the redwood forest. On a sunny day last fall, people from my village lit a fire there. The fire burned the dried plants but not the wet redwood forest. When I returned in the spring, the clearing was filled with big white bear grass flowers. I gathered bunches of the long bear grass leaves. They give the white color to most of my hat.



Porcupine

One day, my father and my uncle returned from a hunting trip in the mountains. They had a nice, fat porcupine. Our families and neighbors cooked it for a delicious meal. Even more wonderful, my mother let me have some of the quills! She and I boiled them with bright green lichen that grows on the trees. That dyed the quills yellow. They will make beautiful designs on my new hat!

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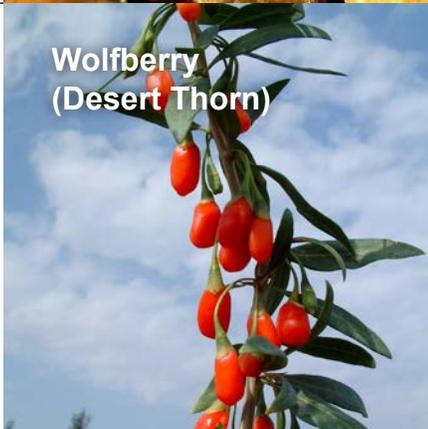
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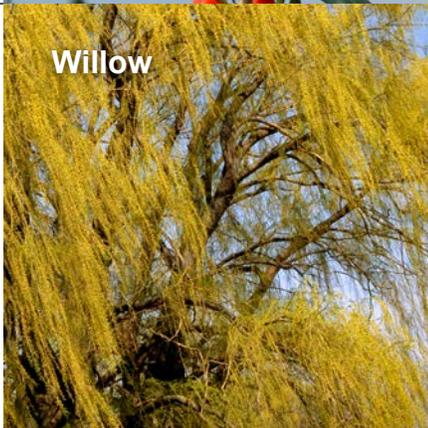




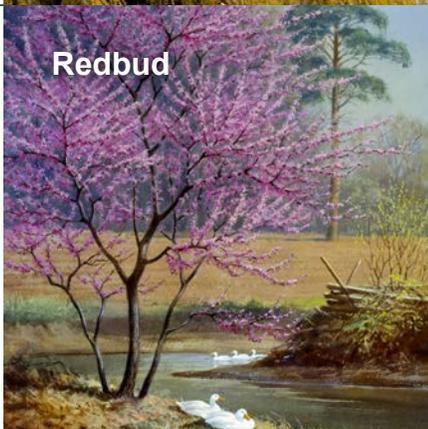
One of my favorite foods is hazelnut. Hazelnut bushes give more than tasty nuts to eat, though. When they are burned or cut to the ground, they grow long, flexible sticks. The men in my village use big, straight sticks to build a weir in the Klamath River in the spring. They use it to catch salmon. Women use small sticks to make baskets. I will use small, flexible hazelnut sticks to make the main shape of my hat.



In the early spring, when the cool air smelled of wet sagebrush, my family camped in the high desert. There, we looked for wolfberries growing yellow and ripe. I used a stick to knock the sweet berries off their thorny bushes onto my winnowing tray. We dried them in the Sun. I can eat them like this all summer! My mother mixes their juice with water to make a delicious drink.



A year ago, I found a young willow tree when my family was camped along the banks of a mountain stream. I cut the tree all the way to the ground. Early this spring, just after the snow had melted, I went back. Long, straight branches had sprouted. They still had no leaves. The bark was loose and easy to peel off. I used the branches to make the tray of my winnowing tray.



In the winter, I collected bright red branches from the redbud tree. I gathered them while the snow was still on the ground. At this time of year, they have no leaves, and the bark sticks to the wood. I dried them and peeled them into thin strips. These made the pretty red stripes on the tray and edges of my winnowing tray.

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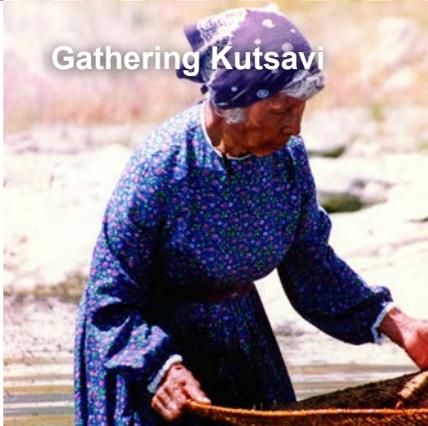
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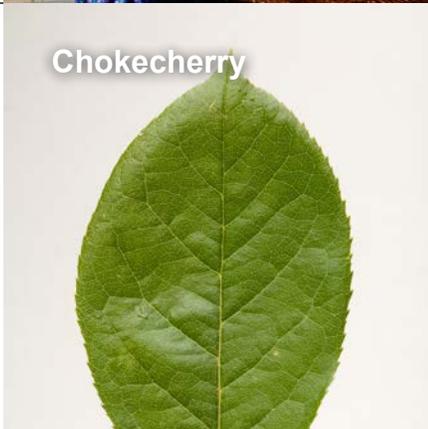
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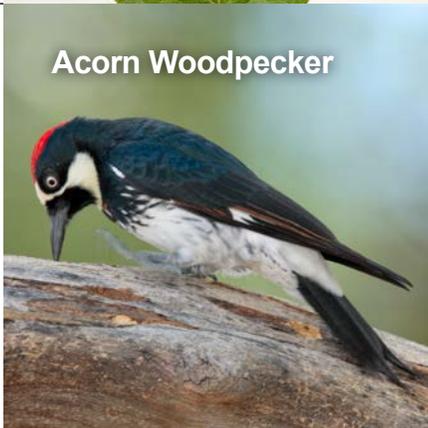
Gathering Kutsavi

In the hot days of the late summer, we go to the shores of Mono Lake. In the water are many thousands of fly pupae. I use my winnowing tray to get them out of the water and dry them in the Sun. Then I lightly crush them to remove the casings. Inside each one is the fly larva that looks like a tiny grain of yellow rice. We call this delicious food kutsavi. We trade it with other tribes for acorns, shells, and other goods.



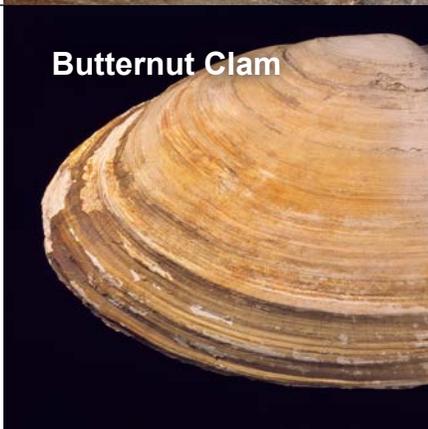
Chokecherry

As the winter ended, I found myself with a bad cold. Luckily, I knew of a chokecherry growing near a spring where I often gather water. I will pick some leaves from the chokecherry to make a tea to help my cold. Earlier this year, I took a branch from this tree to bend and make the frame of my winnowing tray. When the cherries are ripe, I will use my tray to collect them to eat!



Acorn Woodpecker

There is a huge acorn woodpecker colony in the oak woodland where we gather acorns in the fall. I love listening to the birds' loud calls. My brother helped me hunt them one hot, dry day last fall. While the birds were out gathering acorns, we plugged all their holes except one. At night, they could go into only one hole. After they were in, we put a trap over the hole. The next day, it was full of woodpeckers. I wove the red feathers from their heads into my gift basket.



Butternut Clam

People who speak a language called *Hoo-koo-e-ko* gather large clams. They dig them out of the soft mud of Tomales Bay during the cold time of year. The meat is eaten fresh or dried. The shells are made into small white beads. My father trades red stones from our area for those beautiful beads. I will weave some of the white beads into my gift basket.

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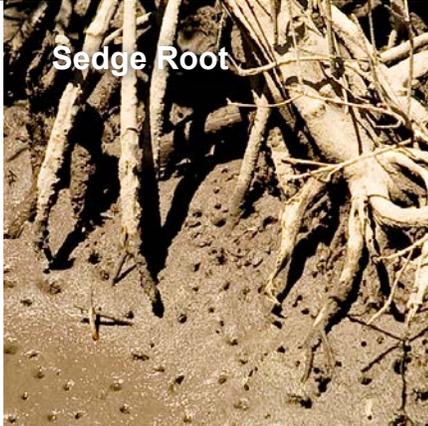
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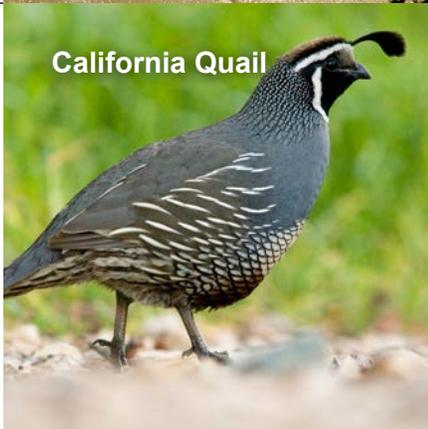
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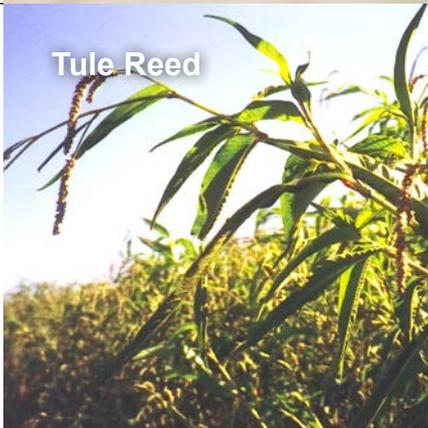
Sedge Root

My family has worked a sandy stretch of soil along the river for generations. Here, we weed and dig around the sedge plants. This helps them produce long roots. In the spring, we dig up the sedge roots. They are bright white and look like little ropes. I split them into long, thin pieces to weave into white coils on my gift basket.



California Quail

The hills above our village are covered with bushes. Many useful plants grow there. There are also many rabbits and quail. Last spring, my brother and I put traps that look like long basket cages into gaps between the bushes. The next day, the traps were filled with fat quail. We took them home to our family to eat. I wove the round, black, quail feathers into my gift basket.



Tule Reed

Last summer, I went to the lake to gather goose eggs. My father, my brothers, and I went to a spot where many tule reeds grew. We twisted some into rope. Then we used the rope to tie huge bundles of the light reeds together. In no time, we had a boat we could paddle on the lake. I saved some of the tule roots. I used them to make the black designs on my gift basket.



Deergrass

During the fall, we burn the clumps of dry deergrass that cover the valleys. In the spring, they send up many new shoots. The shoots are tall, soft, and easy to bend. They are perfect for making baskets! These baskets will be used for tasks from cooking to gathering grass seeds. I used a tight bundle of these shoots for the center of my gambling tray.



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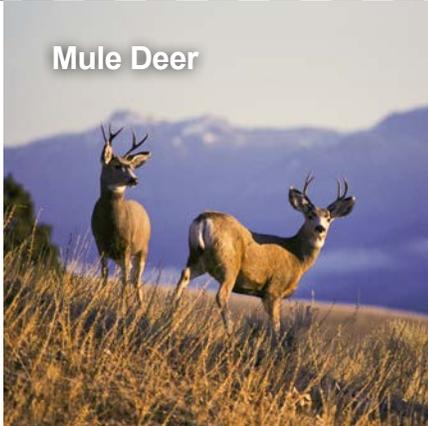
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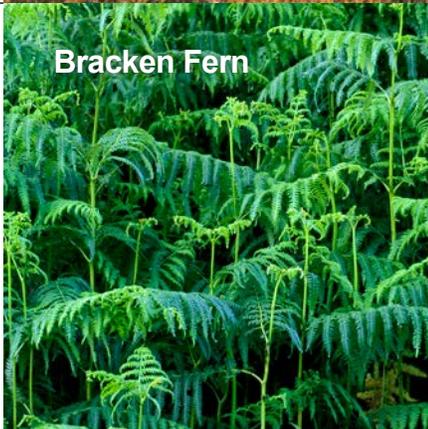
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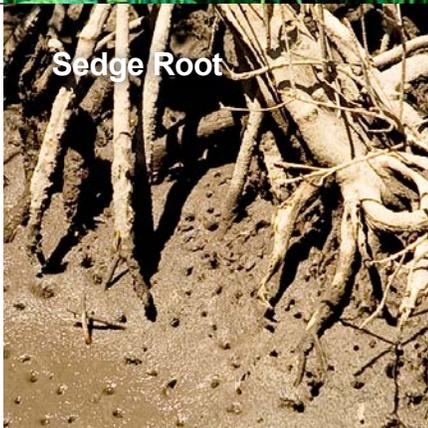
Mule Deer

Late this summer, the men of my village brought back a large mule deer. We feasted on some of the meat and dried the rest. The deer gives us many other wonderful gifts. We make rattles from its hooves. We make clothes from its skin. We make our strongest string from its tendons. I use a sharp piece of deer antler as a tool to help me weave my gambling tray.



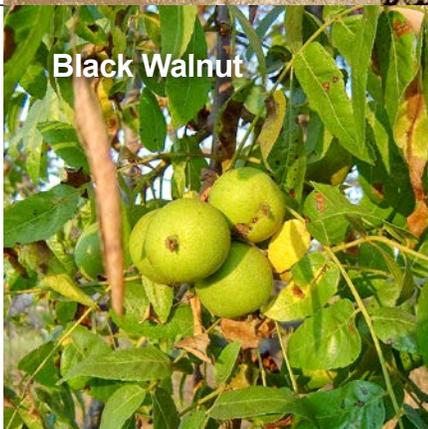
Bracken Fern

When the summer is hot in the valley, we are in the cool mountains. Under the shady pines and cedars grow many green bracken ferns. I gather their roots and split them into long strips to weave into my gambling tray. I make a design that looks like many people holding hands. It reminds me of the fun we have when we play games together.



Sedge Root

When I was a little girl, my mother showed me a mountain meadow. Here, next to the river, the soil is loose and sandy. It is a perfect place to gather sedge roots in the summer. I pull up weeds around the sedge. I split the flexible roots I have gathered and wind them around bunches of deergrass to make the white background of my gambling tray.



Black Walnut

Black walnut trees grow along rivers in the valley. In the fall, their nuts are ripe. Around the nuts, there is a skin called a husk. We sometimes use this to color our basket materials a deep black. We break open the walnuts to eat the sweet nuts inside. We also use the hard shells to make dice. I throw these dice on the gambling tray I made.