Desert plant life comes alive through tech, education

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The Desert Museum is integrating the Passports to the Sonoran Desert project, a new field trip curriculum that focuses on a new field trip to the Sonoran Desert museum exhibit, opening in spring 2015.

Many student participants express excitement in August and will be part of the permanent exhibit opening in the spring of 2015.

The Desert Museum is currently being designed to be a part of the欺诈

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The white color reflects the sunlight helping to keep the plant cool. They also help trap any moisture and reduce the amount of water lost.

Ocotillo (Fouquieria splendens)

Propagation: Ocotillo is common in most deserts in the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts. The plant seed grows from both seeds and cuttings, but must be in sandy soil.

Adaptation: Ocotillo is a drought-deciduous shrub that remains dormant when water is not available to conserve water. The Ocotillo is pollinated by hummingbirds that like the nectar-nectar. Its flowers are pollinated by hummingbirds used as cuttings to build frames for houses and fences. The Ocotillo flowers can be mixed with water to make a sweet drink tasting like melon that can also be used as a cough medicine.

Cultural Uses: The wood secretes a clear resin used as glue and cuttings, but must be in sandy soil. The Ocotillo’s root is only 6 inches deep.

The museum's new way of publishing

The museum is utilizing the adaptation of plants in the Sonoran Desert in several areas of the new permanent exhibit, opening in spring 2015. The exhibit will include a durable flip chart to help students identify the specific plants.

Many students will receive their own informational passport booklet to guide them in plant identification. The passport will be in the form of a small passport booklet with images and maps.

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