

Natural Resource Cards



Tule grows in ponds around Santa Cruz. It is durable, flexible, and full of air pockets making it light enough to float on water.

What can you make out of this?

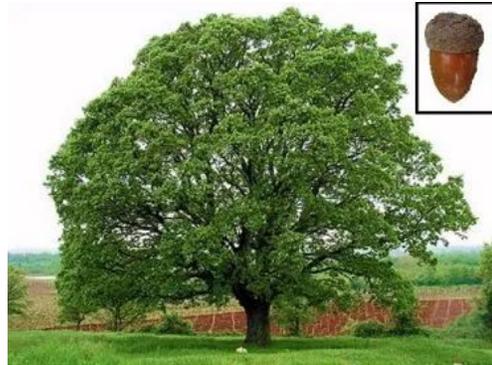


Obsidian is a strong rock that comes from volcanoes. It is not found in Santa Cruz, but the Ohlone would trade with neighboring tribes for it.

What can you make out of this?

Willow is a strong and flexible tree that grows near creeks.

What can you make out of this?



Oak is a common tree in Santa Cruz, and the **acorn** (nut) that grows from this tree was used by the Ohlone.

What can you make out of this?



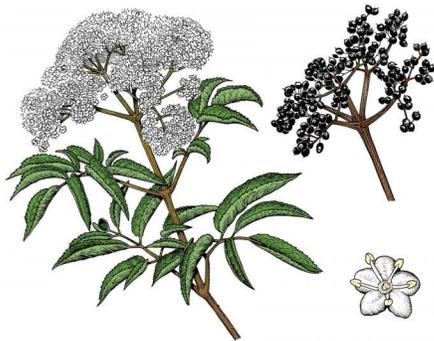
Shells on a California beach

What can you make out of these?



Deer can be found in meadows and forests in Santa Cruz. The males have antlers, which they lose and grow back each year.

What can you make out of this?



Elderberry is a plant with edible berries and soft wood. It was also called the “tree of music”.

What can you make out of this?



Rabbits hop around from bush to bush to remain hidden from predators.

What can you make out of this?

Artifact Cards

Cut out the cards below, and then fold at the middle line so one side is a picture and the other side is facts. Use tape or glue to keep both sides together.



This is a tule boat, it was used for traveling on water and fishing.



These are rabbit pelts. This animal was used for food, clothing, and a soft sitting mat.



These are obsidian arrowheads. They were used for hunting. The Ohlone would also make hide scrapers and blades from obsidian.



These are tule baskets. They were used for storing food and carrying items.



This is a duck decoy made out of tule. It floats on water and was used as a hunting tool.



This is a shell necklace. This was used as jewelry and currency.



This is a fish trap made out of willow.



This is a flute made from elderberry.
The Ohlone would also use wood from this tree to make an instrument called a clapper stick.



This is acorn flour. Ohlone would use this flour to make food such as porridge or pancakes.



This is a plank and drill made from elderberry wood. These are the tools used to make fire.



Deer were an important source of food and clothing. The Ohlone could also use their bones to make tools. The antlers were useful for awls and handles for tools.



This is the stave game, which is similar to dice. The pieces are usually made out of either willow or elderberry wood.