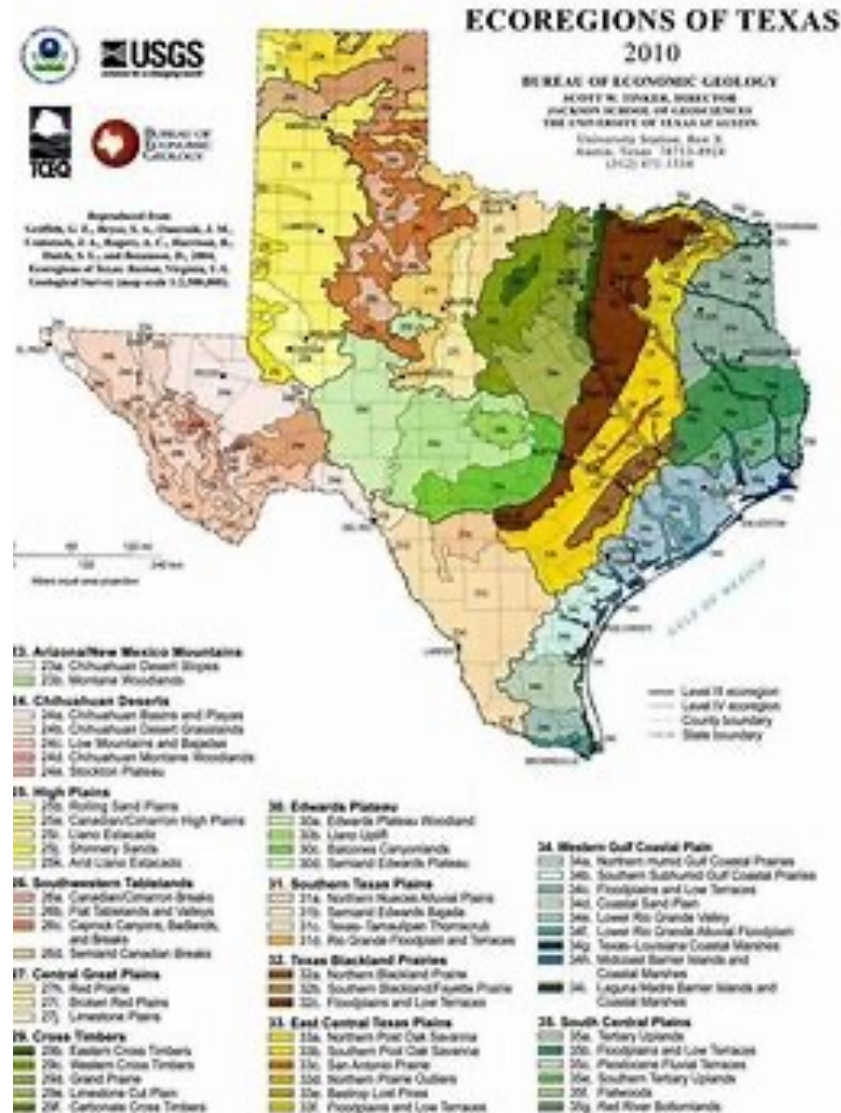


Ecoregions

Environmental
diversity



Piney Woods

The forests of East Texas are called the Piney Woods with rolling terrain covered with pines and oaks, rich bottomlands with tall hardwoods,.



Gulf Prairies and marshes

The Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes region is a slow draining relatively level plain less than 150' elevation with streams and rivers flowing into the Gulf of Mexico and includes barrier islands, salt grass marshes, remnant tallgrass prairies, oak parklands and oak mottes,, and tall woodlands in the river bottomlands.



Post Oak Savannah

The Post Oak Savannah region is transitional for many plants and animals with ranges northward into the Great Plains or eastward into the forests, with belts of oak forest crossed by strips of prairie grassland.



Blackland Prairies

The Blackland Prairies region has deep, fertile black soil which was originally tallgrass prairie.



Cross Timbers

Early travelers through north Texas coined the name "Cross Timbers" by their repeated crossings of these timbered areas that proved to be a barrier to their travel on the open prairies to the east and west. This area in north and central Texas includes areas with high density of trees and irregular plains and prairies.



South Texas Brush Country

Plains, once covered with open grasslands and a scattering of trees, now composed of thorny shrubs and trees, with patches of palms and, once more extensive, subtropical woodlands in the Rio Grande Valley, characterize South Texas Brush Country.



Edwards Plateau

The Edwards Plateau Texas Hill Country. It has many springs, stony hills, and steep canyons.



Rolling Plains

Rivers and tributaries create the rolling character of the flat lands of the Rolling Plains end of the Great Plains.



High Plains

The Caprock Escarpment separates the High Plains—a relatively level high plateau—from the Rolling Plains at the southern end of the Great Plains.



Trans-Pecos

The Trans-Pecos goes from the extreme western part of the state eastward to the Pecos River with diverse habitats and vegetation, including desert valleys and plateaus as well as wooded mountain slopes.



Sing to *Clementine*

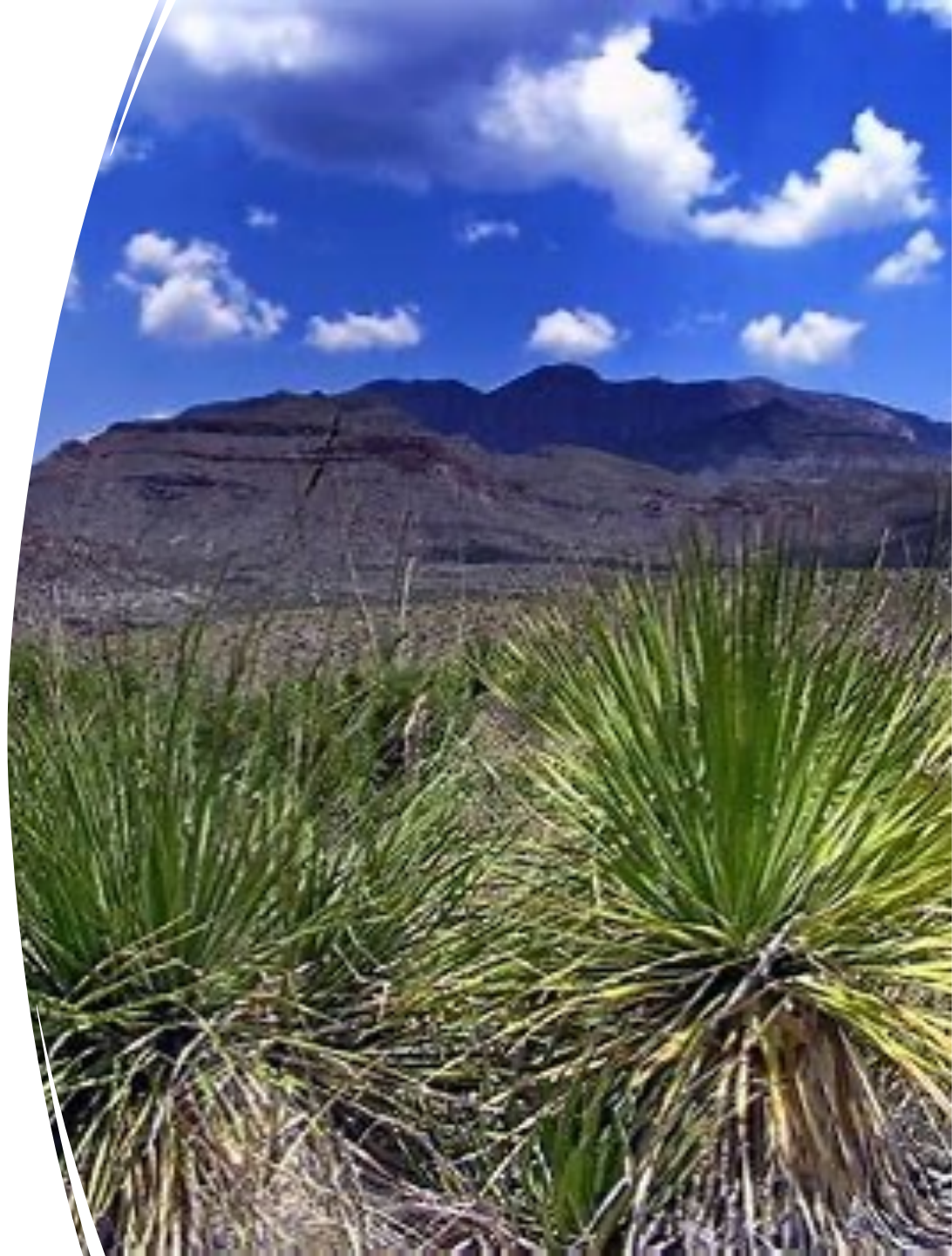
Ecoregions, oh so varied
(hands moving)

High plains, Edward Plateau,
(hands moving up)

Gulf marsh, timbers, brush,
and Pecos, (hands moving flat)

Savannah, Blacklands, (hands
moving out)

Country changes as we go!
(clapping)



So many Texas!

- Add ecoregions to the map.
- Walk the park and find signs of different ecoregions.
- Make a Texas snack.

