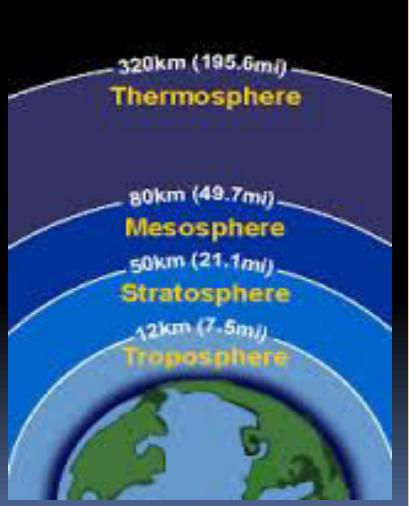
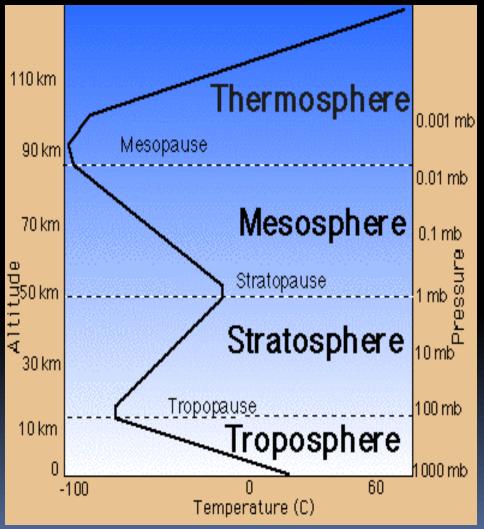


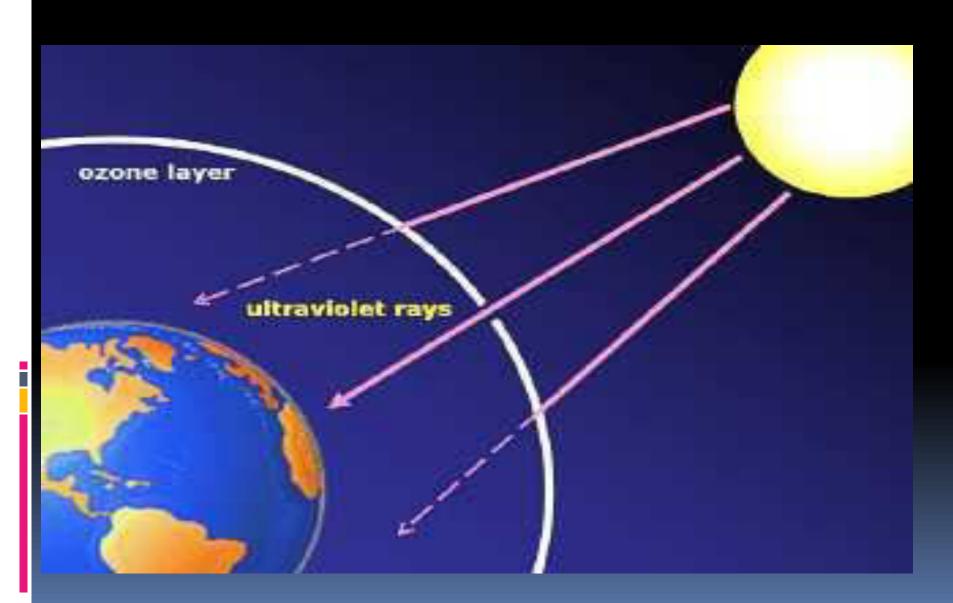
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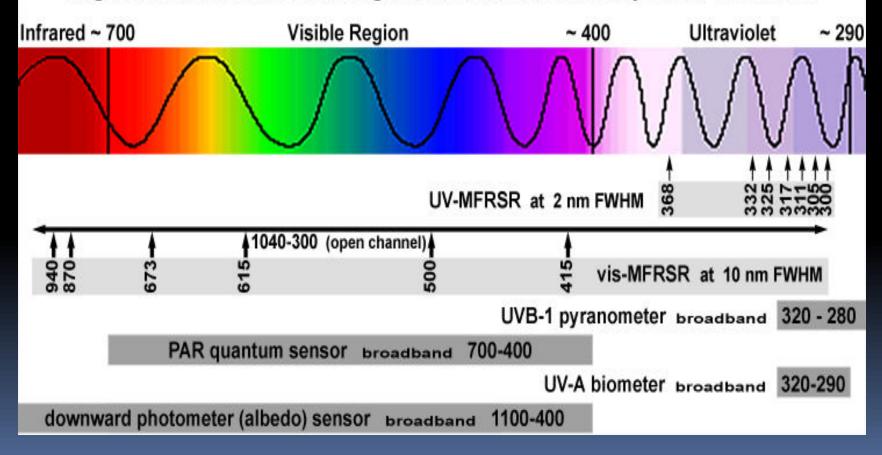
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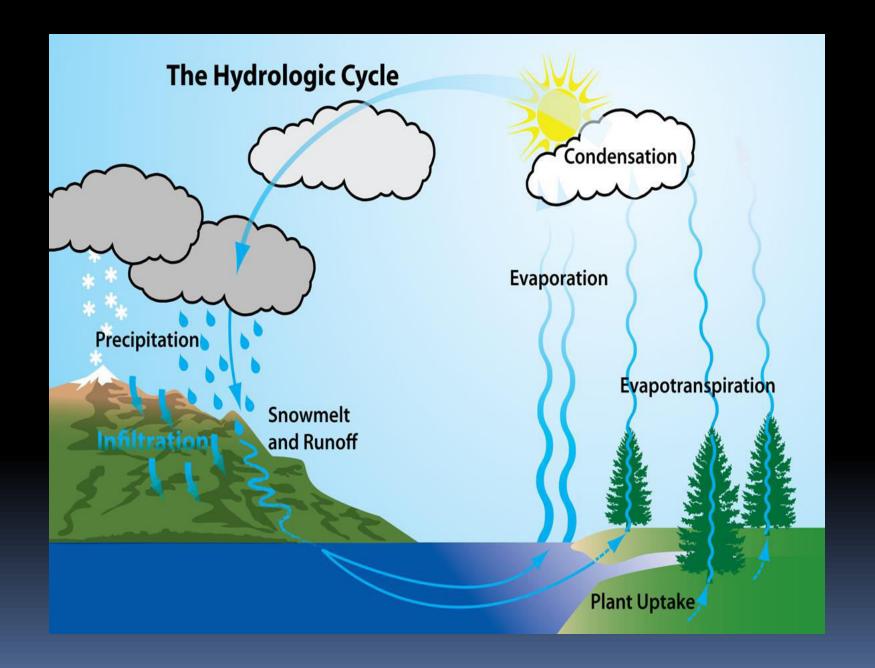


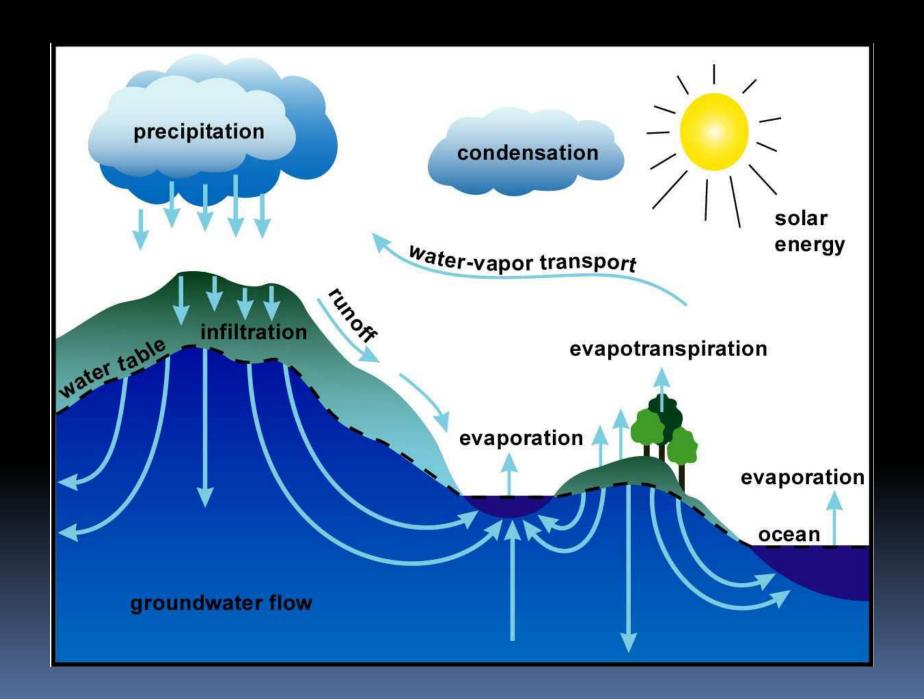
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ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

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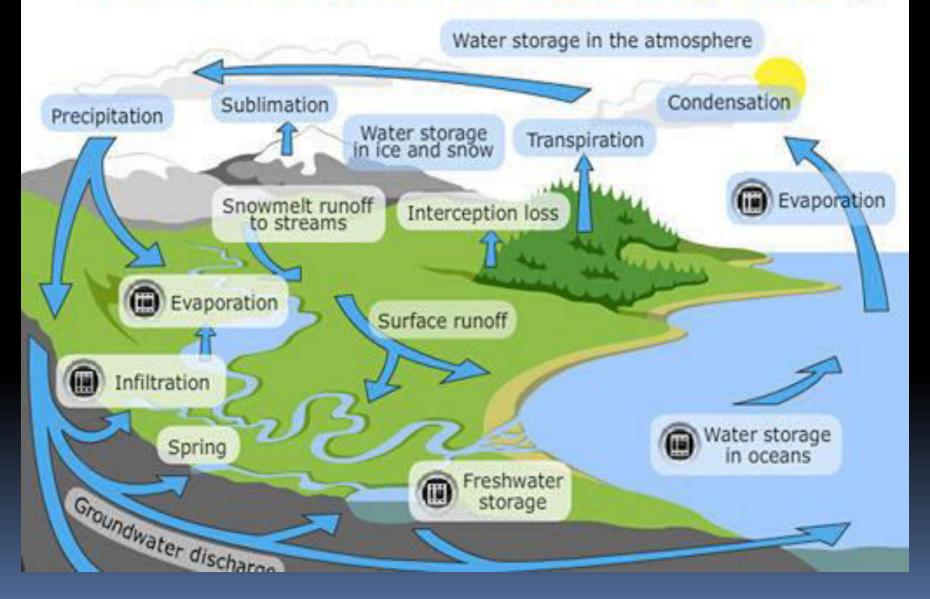




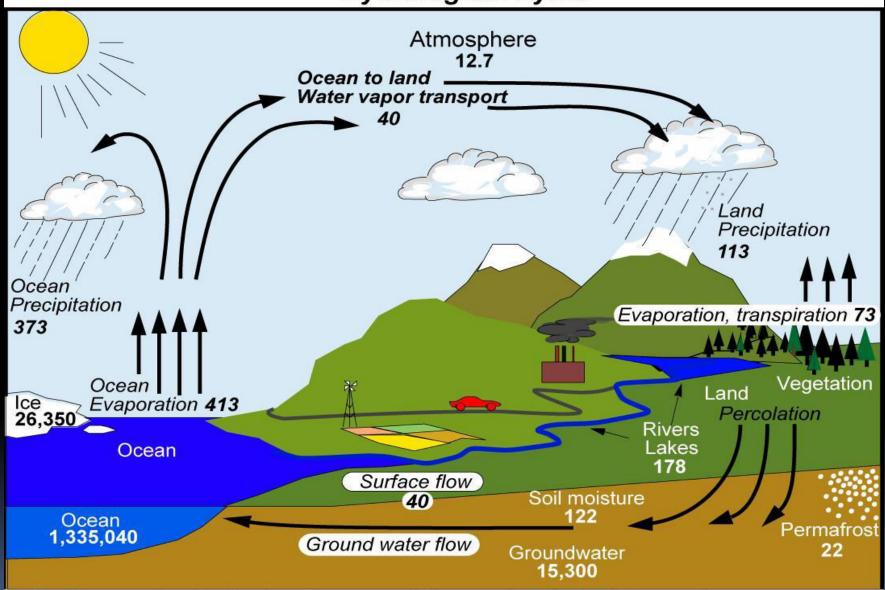


DYNAMIC AND COMPLEX: THE GLOBAL WATER CYCLE





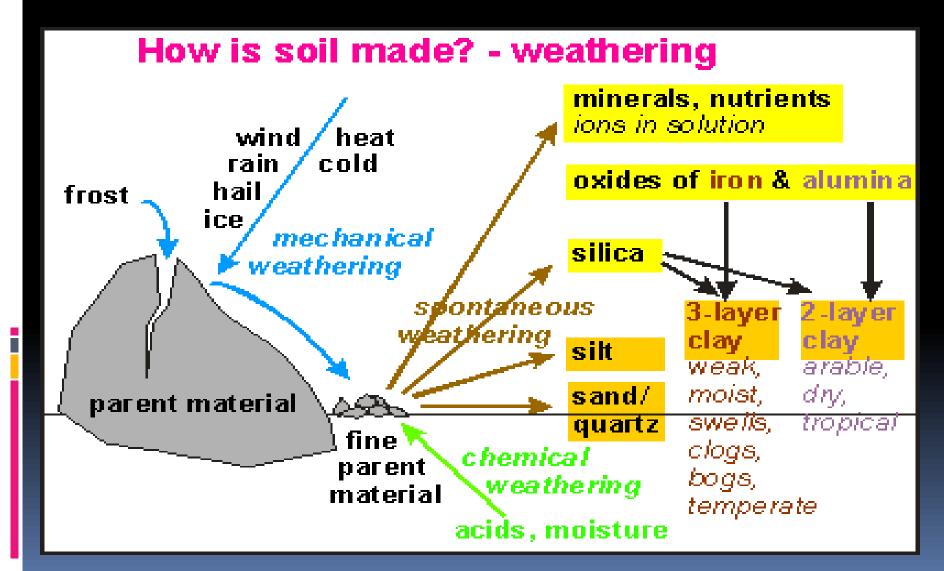
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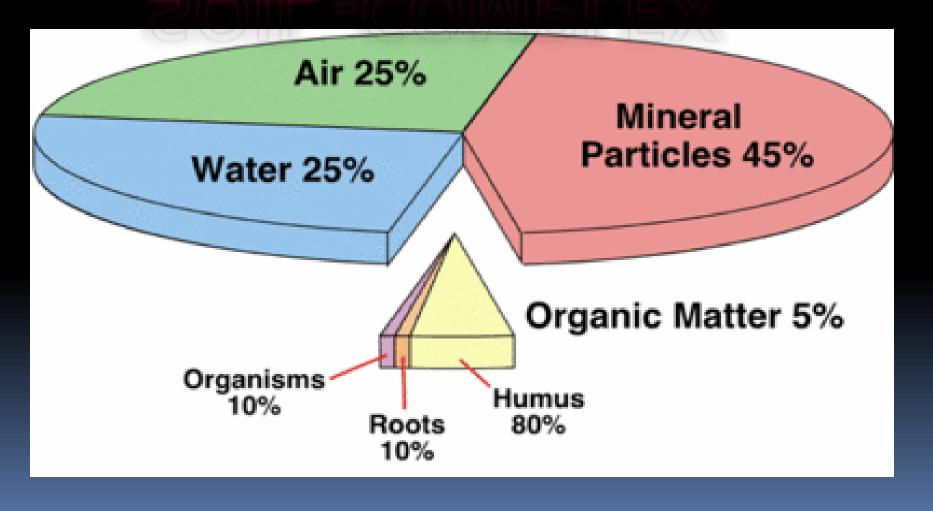
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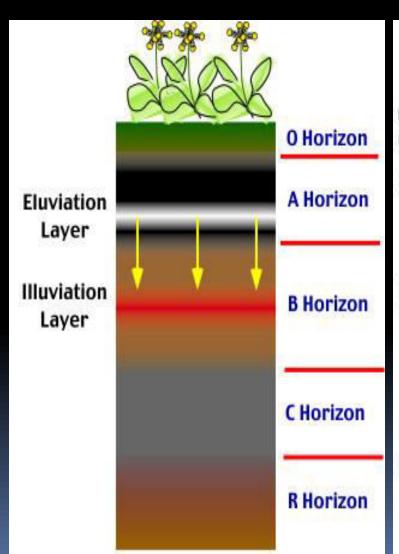
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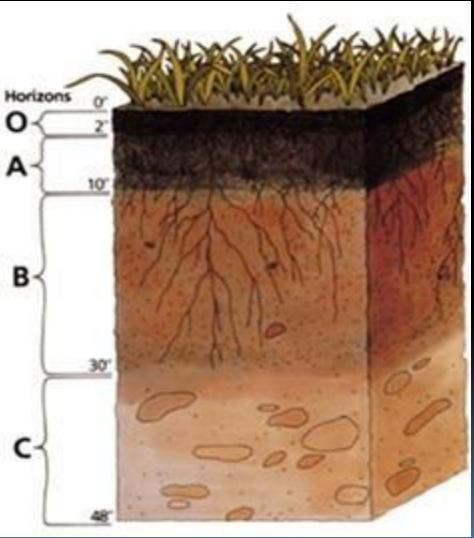


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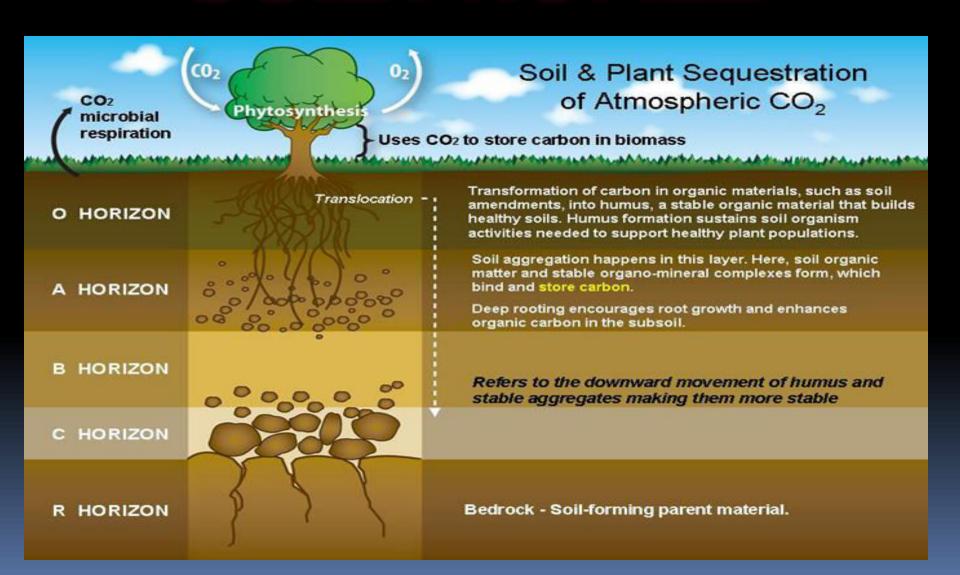


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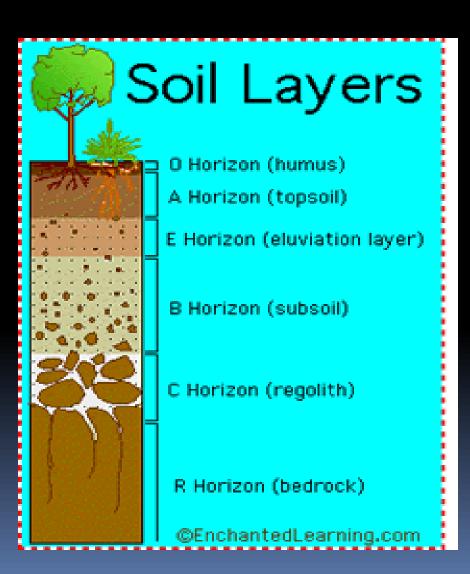


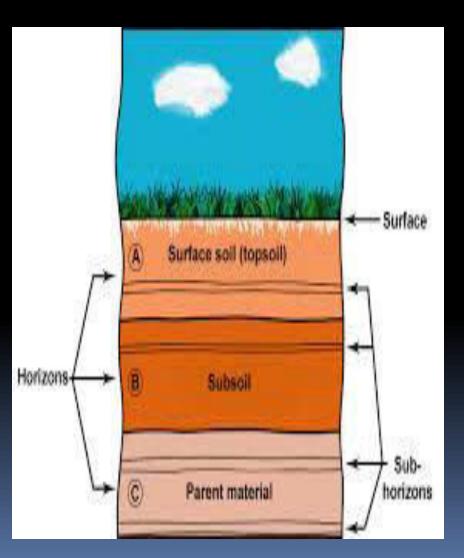


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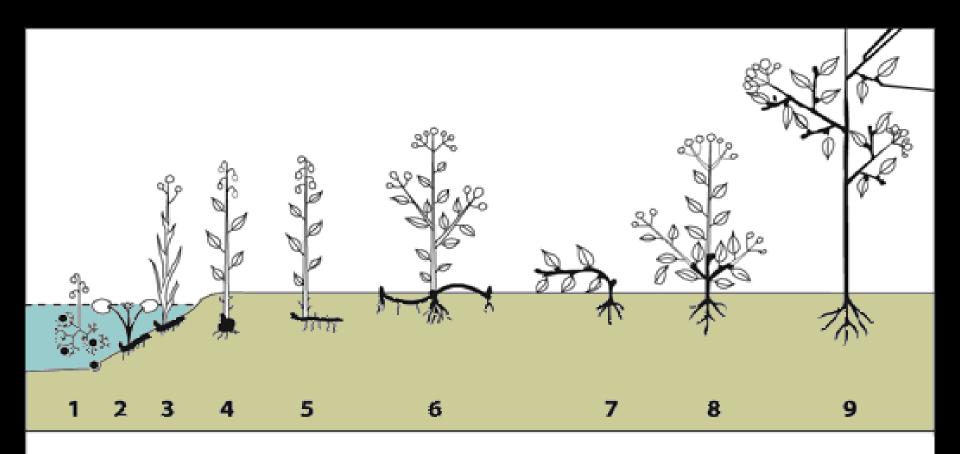
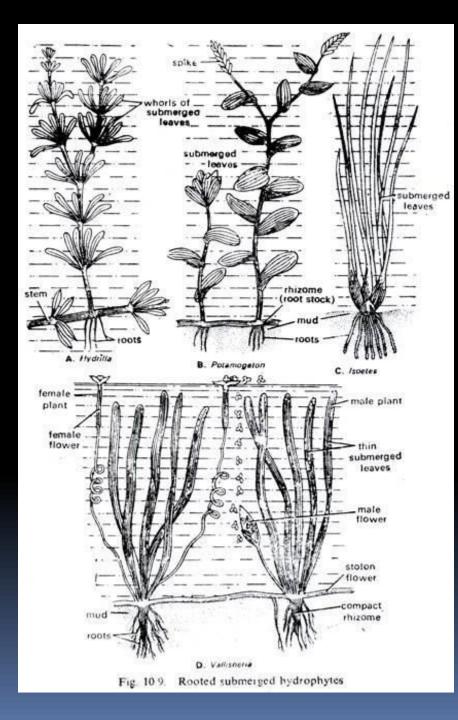
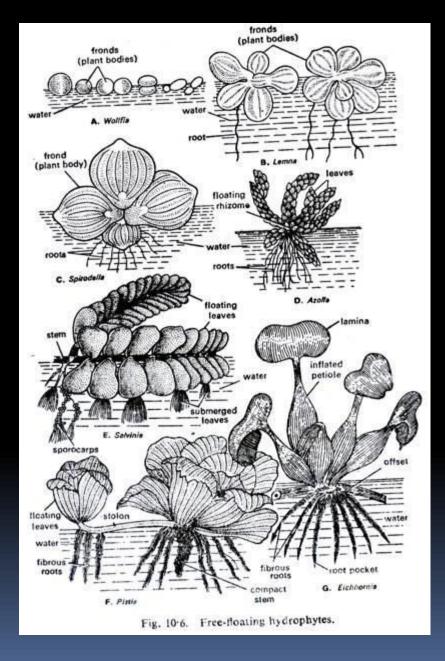


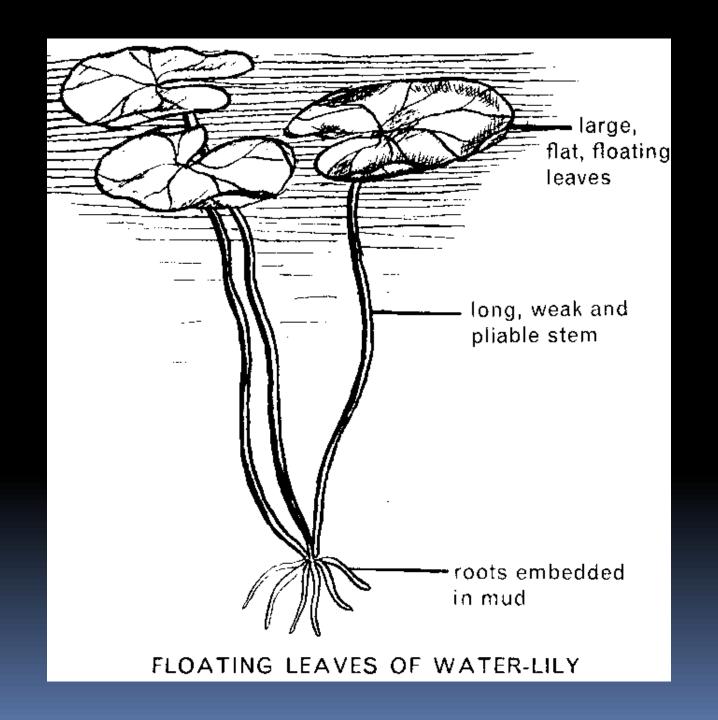
Diagram of the most important life forms based on the classification by Raunkiaer (1934)

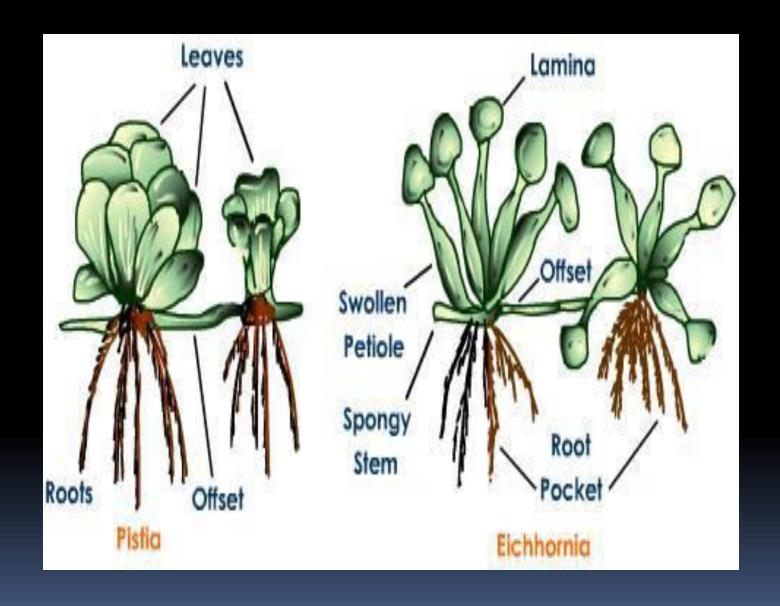


Rooted
submerged
hydrophytes;
Hydrilla,
Potamogeton,
Isoetes,
Vallisneria



Free floating
hydrophytes
Wolffia, Lemna,
Spirodella,
Azolla, Salivinia, Pistia
Eichhornia





Victoria amazonica- giant amazon water lily





xerophytes

Adaptation

- 1. Thick, waxy cuticle on leaves
- Reduced number of stomata
- 3. Stomata sunken in pits

 Leaf surface covered with fine hairs
- 4. Stomata Close during day, open at night
- 5. Leaves reduced and stem photosynthetic Leaves curied or folded when flaccid
- 6. Fleshy or succulent stems
- 7. Deep root system

Effect

Reduces water loss through the cuticle

Reduces the number of stomata through which water loss can occur

Moist air is trapped reducing the diffusion gradient and the rate of water loss

CAM metabolism: CO2 fixing at night, water loss during days minimized

Reduced surface area from which transpiration can occur

Water is stored in tissues four times of low availability

Roots tap into the lower water table

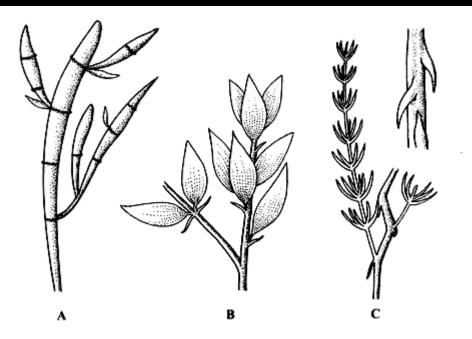
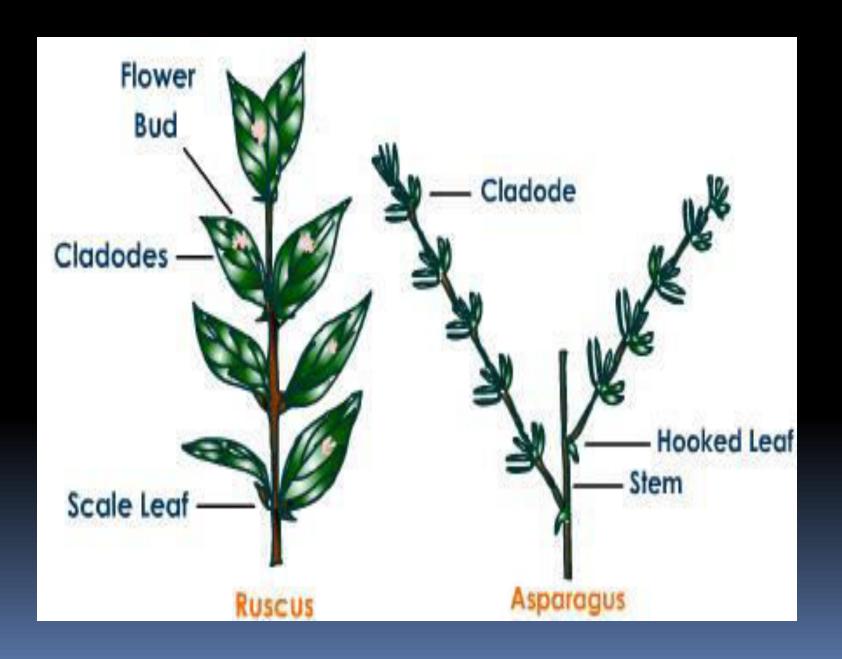
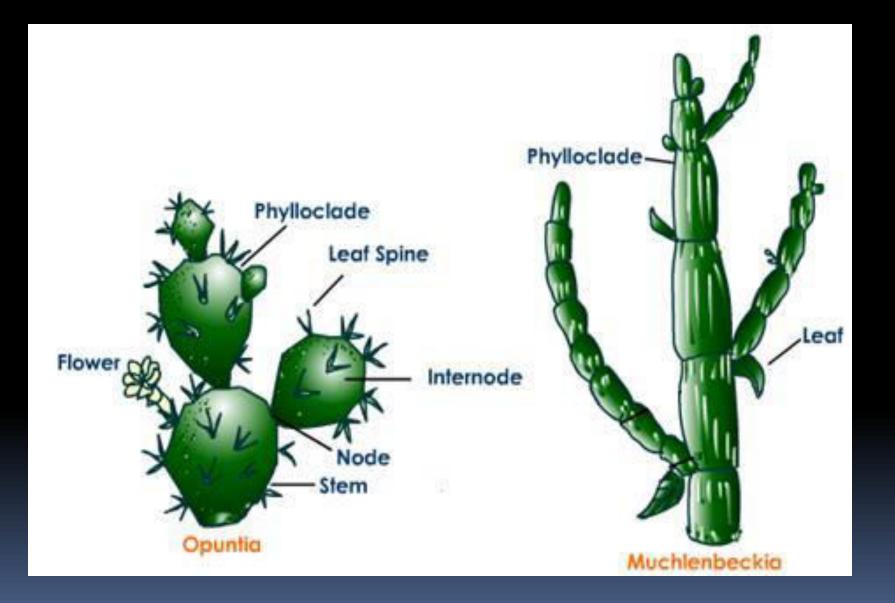


Fig. 8.20. A, B & C—Phylloclade and cladodes. A—Phylloclade of Cocoloba. B—Cladodes of *Ruscus*. C—Cladodes of *Asparagus*.





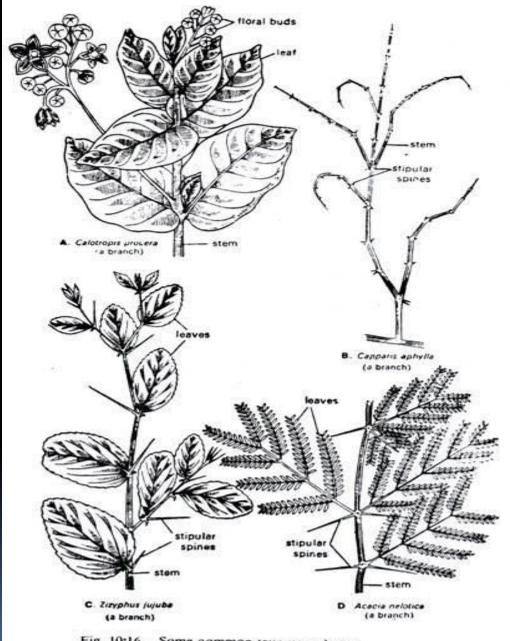


Fig. 10-16. Some common true xerophytes.

