



Discovering new organisms

What happens when you find something unexpected in an ecosystem?









Hybrids

Hybrid: offspring that results from combining the qualities of two organisms of different breeds, varieties, or species.

Example: a mule is a result of combining a horse and a donkey



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Hybrids are not always intermediates between their parents, but can show **hybrid vigor**, sometimes growing larger or taller than either parent.

Let's look at an example on the next slide...

What do you notice about the corn, and the plants?



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Sometimes, we can find hybrids around us too. Even as students, you can be citizen scientists- exploring, making observations and gathering data to help further science.

On our coast, there are some grasses that could fit into this work.

