

## Northern Plains History and Cultures How Do Native People and Nations Experience Belonging?



Lame Deer, Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Montana, ca 1910. Photograph by Elizabeth Custis Grinnell, NMAI N13541

Cheyenne people possessed an extensive knowledge of botany. People harvested plants for food, medicine, ceremony, and other uses. This knowledge was based on an understanding of the season and manner in which the plant was to be harvested, prepared, and used, as well as cultural protocols to be observed. Women often harvested plants together and were accompanied by children. Children then learned through observation and participation.