“In nature, nothing exists alone”

Rachel Carson

Inspired by the native plants on the Central Library’s Rooftop Terrace, this coloring book invites you to explore a vibrant world of flowers, birds, and pollinator insects. How many can YOU find?

Central Library
Rooftop Terrace
14 W. 10th St., KCMO
Dwarf Spiderwort

*Tradescantia longipes*

Dwarf Spiderwort, or wild crocus, blooms early in April and May. With its three petals in a triangle, the flowers are magenta or purplish-blue, growing close to the ground.
Foxglove Beardtongue

*Penstemon digitalis*

Foxglove Beardtongue blooms in late spring on long stems. The tubular flowers are white, sometimes pinkish, always droopy. So pretty and delicate, but watch out! This is a poisonous plant!
Prickly Pear Cactus

*Opuntia humifusa*

Prickly Pear Cactus sports lovely yellow blooms from May to June. You might be surprised to see cactuses outside the desert, but it’s true — they love dry and sunny places in Missouri, too!
Blue False Indigo

*Baptisia australis*

Blue False Indigo blooms from May to October. These long-stemmed beauties grow in clumps, so they almost look like a purple-flowered bush with green leaves.
Harebell blooms in summer and is almost the same purple color as the Blue False Indigo, but with much more delicate stems and flowers. Would it surprise you to learn this is a member of the Bellflower family?
Yellow Goatsbeard

*Tragopogon dubius*

Meadow Salsify, also known as Yellow Goatsbeard, blooms in summer and looks like a giant dandelion. Its seeds are like parachutes waiting to catch the wind.
Prairie Onion

*Allium stellatum*

Allium, or wild onion, blooms in the fall. Purple balls sit precariously atop spindly stalks 12 to 18 inches high.
“Pollinators” are critters that help move pollen between plants or within one plant, making it possible for the plant to produce fruit or seeds and regenerate. Here are a few you might see in our area.
Black-Eyed Susan

*Rudbeckia hirta*

Black-Eyed Susan blooms from May through October and is commonly found in our region. It looks like a sunflower with its yellow petals, long stems, and deep purply brown center.
Rough Blazing Star

*genus Liatris*

Rough Blazing Star on tall stalks blooms in September with radials in bright pink or deep rosy purple. Why do you think they call it a blazing star?
Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds

The male hummingbird is flying while the female hummingbird is resting. Can you spot their differences?
Nature is A-MAZE-ING!

Can you help the busy bee find the flowers?
Draw Your Own Garden

Imagine a garden that YOU get to create!
What plants or flowers will grow here?
What animals and insects live in your garden?
What colors appear in your garden?
Scavenger Hunt

Nature has many different colors. Look outside in your yard, in a garden, or a park, and see if you can find something in each of the colors below. Then draw what you find!

Red  Orange  Yellow

Green  Blue  Purple
Brown-Headed Nuthatch

Fact: Makes a noise like a rubber ducky, “squeaka squeaka”
Fact: Reintroduced to Missouri in 2021
Seed Library at the Ruiz Branch
The Seed Library offers patrons **FREE** flower and vegetable seeds, as well as other resources to guide gardeners of all skill levels.

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