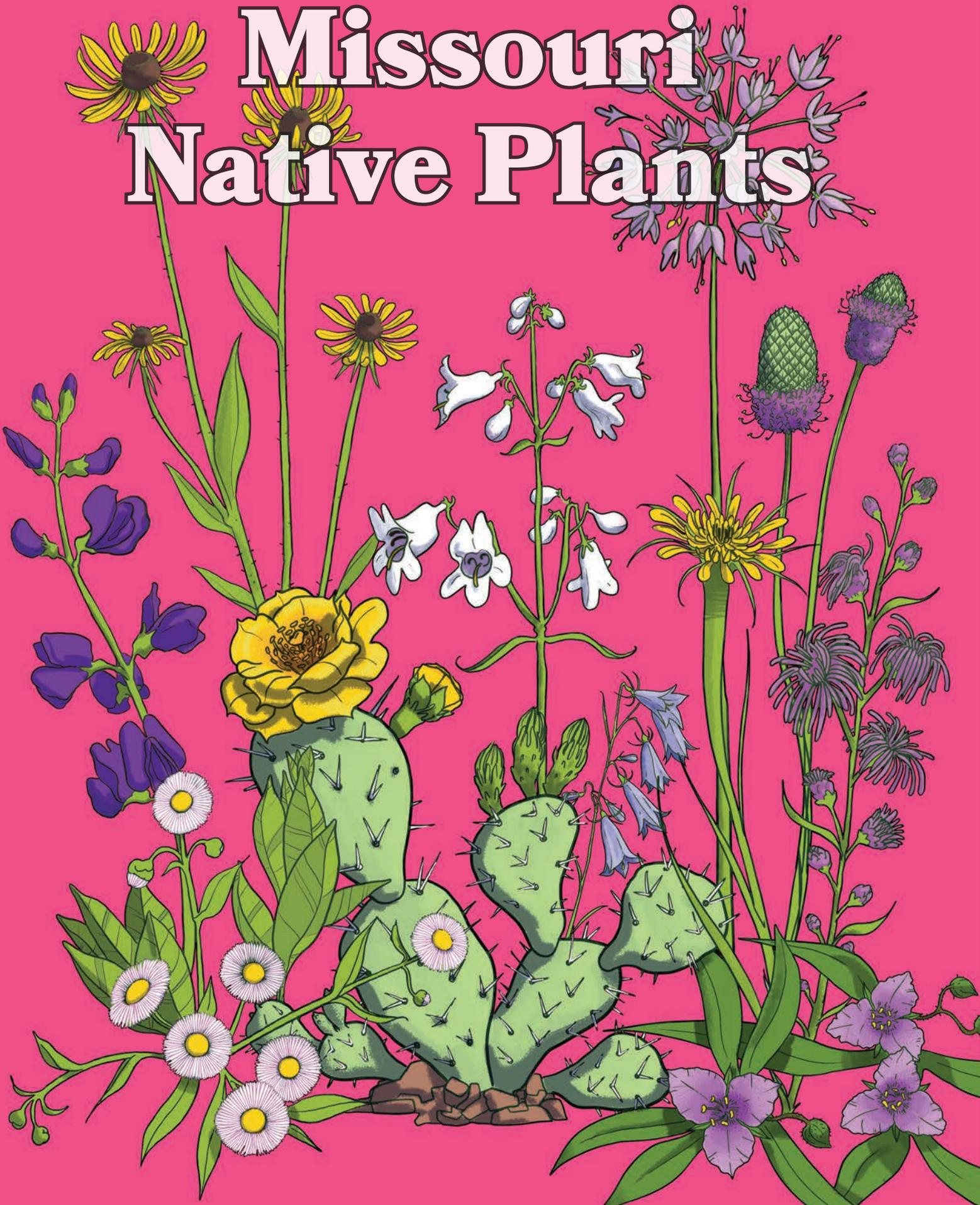


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Missouri Native Plants



“In nature, nothing exists alone”

Rachel Carson

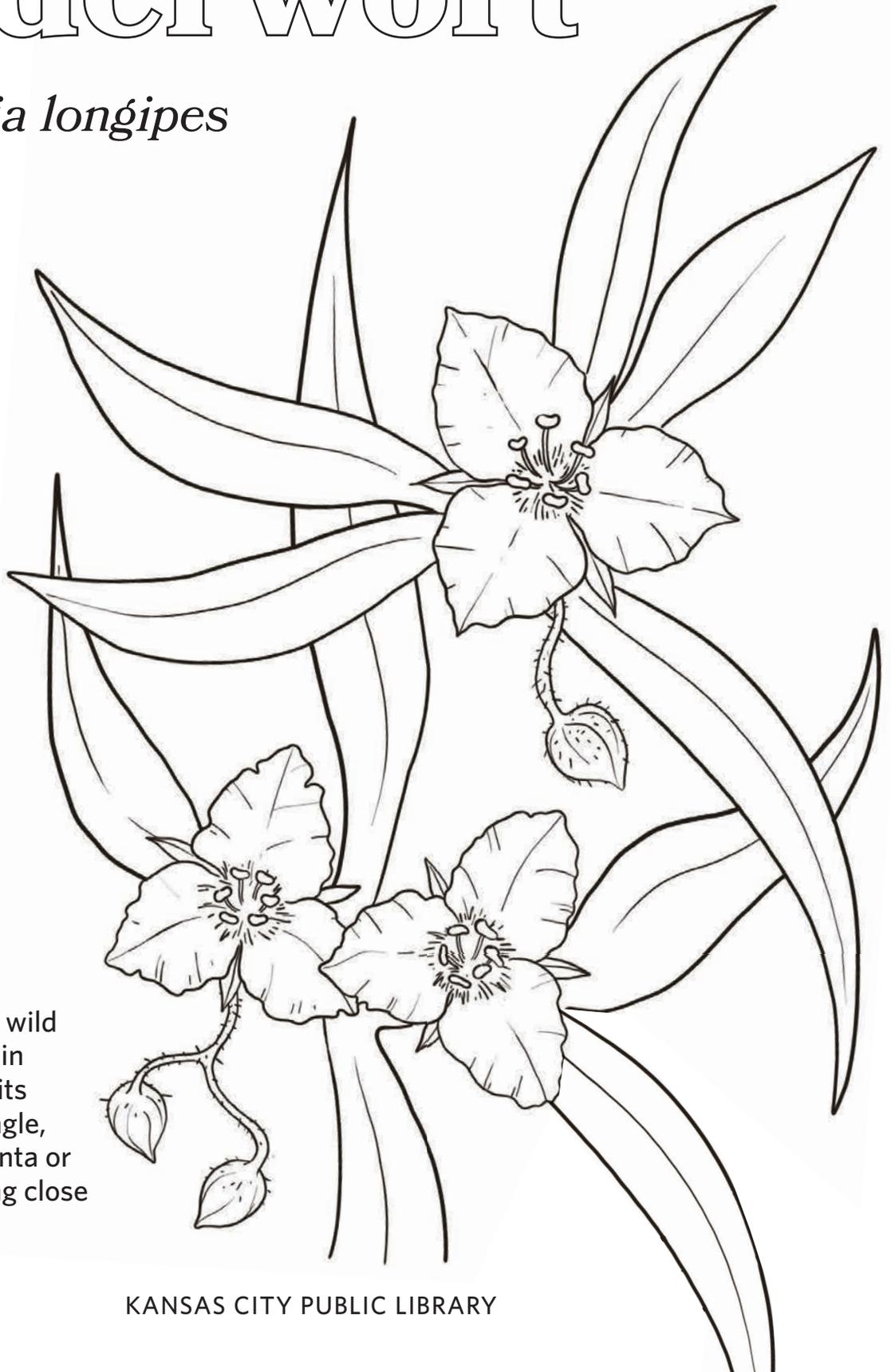
Inspired by the native plants on the Central Library’s Rooftop Terrace, this coloring book invites you to explore a vibrant world of flowers, birds, and pollinator insects. How many can YOU find?



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Rooftop Terrace
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Dwarf Spiderwort

Tradescantia longipes



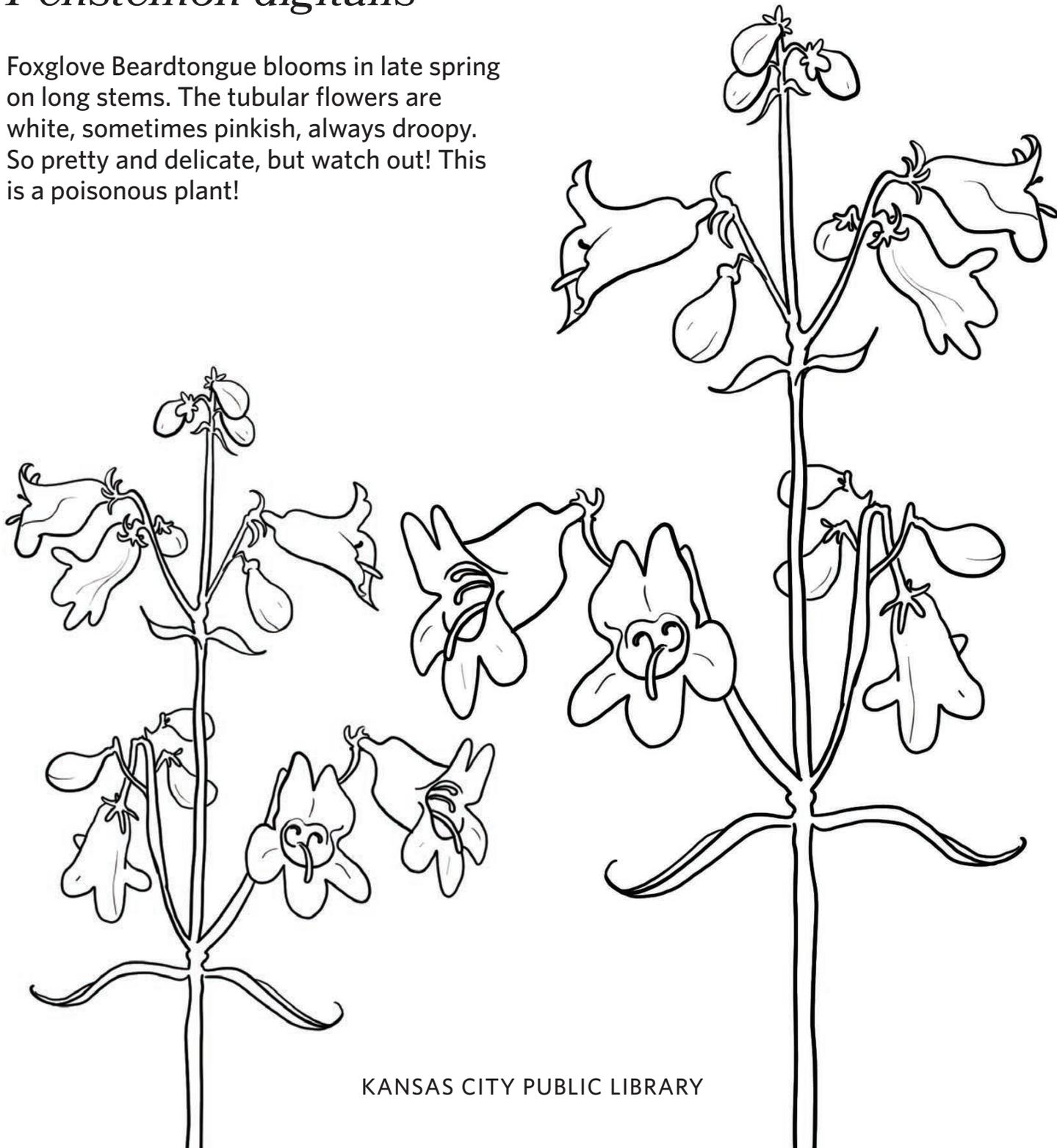
Dwarf Spiderwort, or wild crocus, blooms early in April and May. With its three petals in a triangle, the flowers are magenta or purplish-blue, growing close to the ground.

Foxglove

Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis

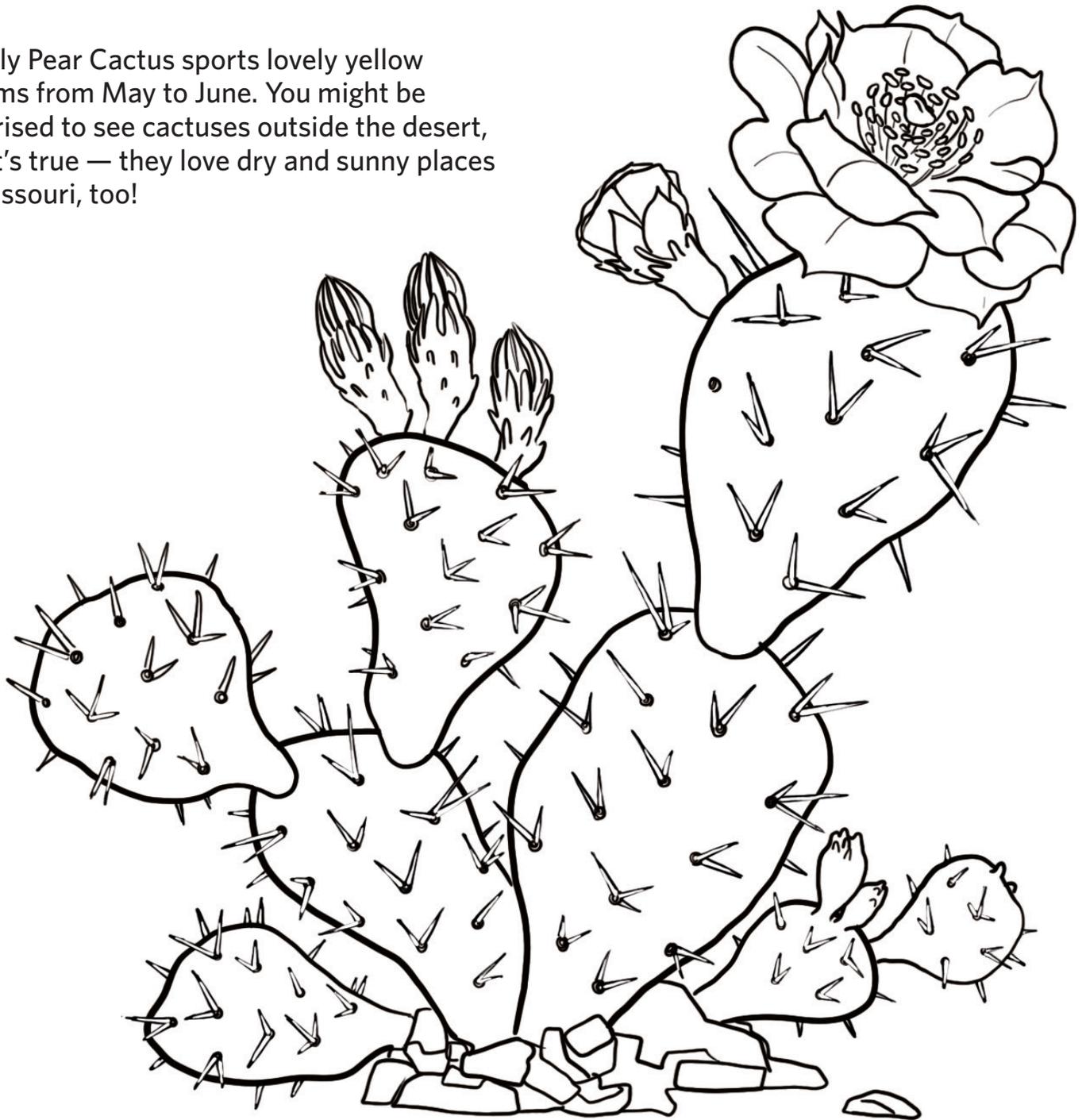
Foxglove Beardtongue blooms in late spring on long stems. The tubular flowers are white, sometimes pinkish, always droopy. So pretty and delicate, but watch out! This is a poisonous plant!



Prickly Pear Cactus

Opuntia humifusa

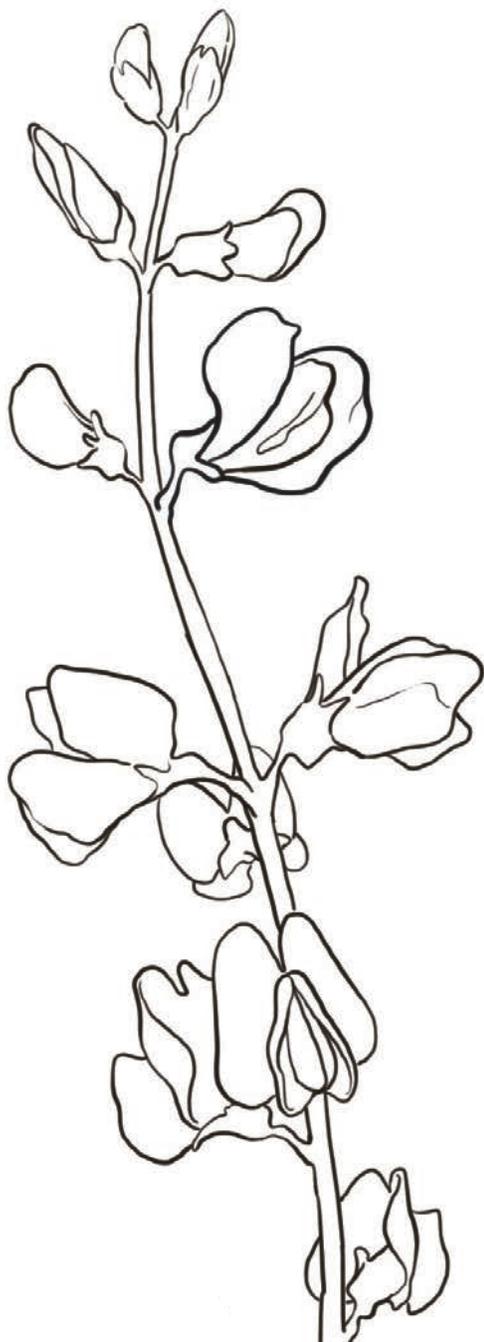
Prickly Pear Cactus sports lovely yellow blooms from May to June. You might be surprised to see cactuses outside the desert, but it's true — they love dry and sunny places in Missouri, too!



Blue False Indigo

Baptisia australis

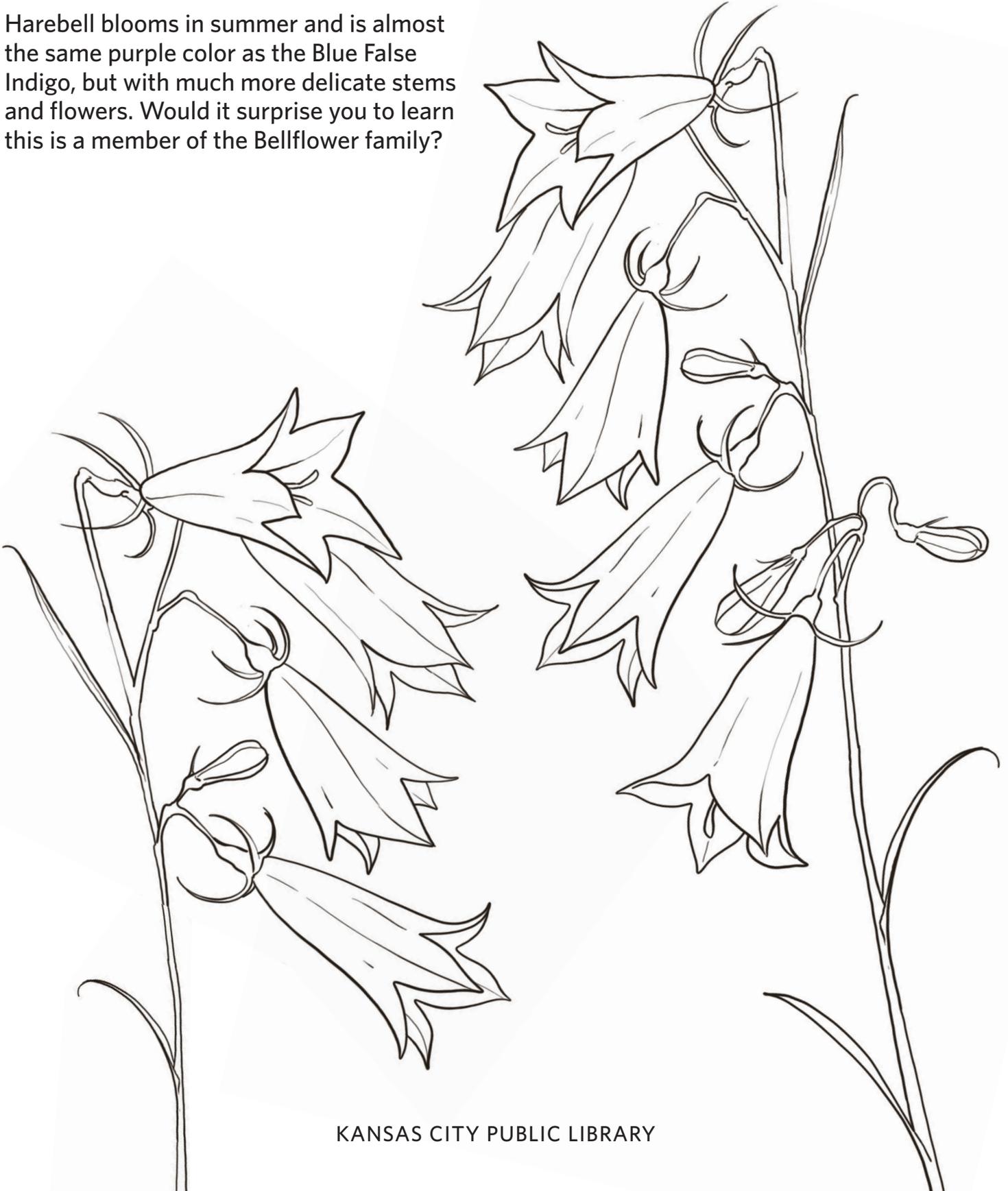
Blue False Indigo blooms from May to October. These long-stemmed beauties grow in clumps, so they almost look like a purple-flowered bush with green leaves.



Harebell

Campanula rotundifolia

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

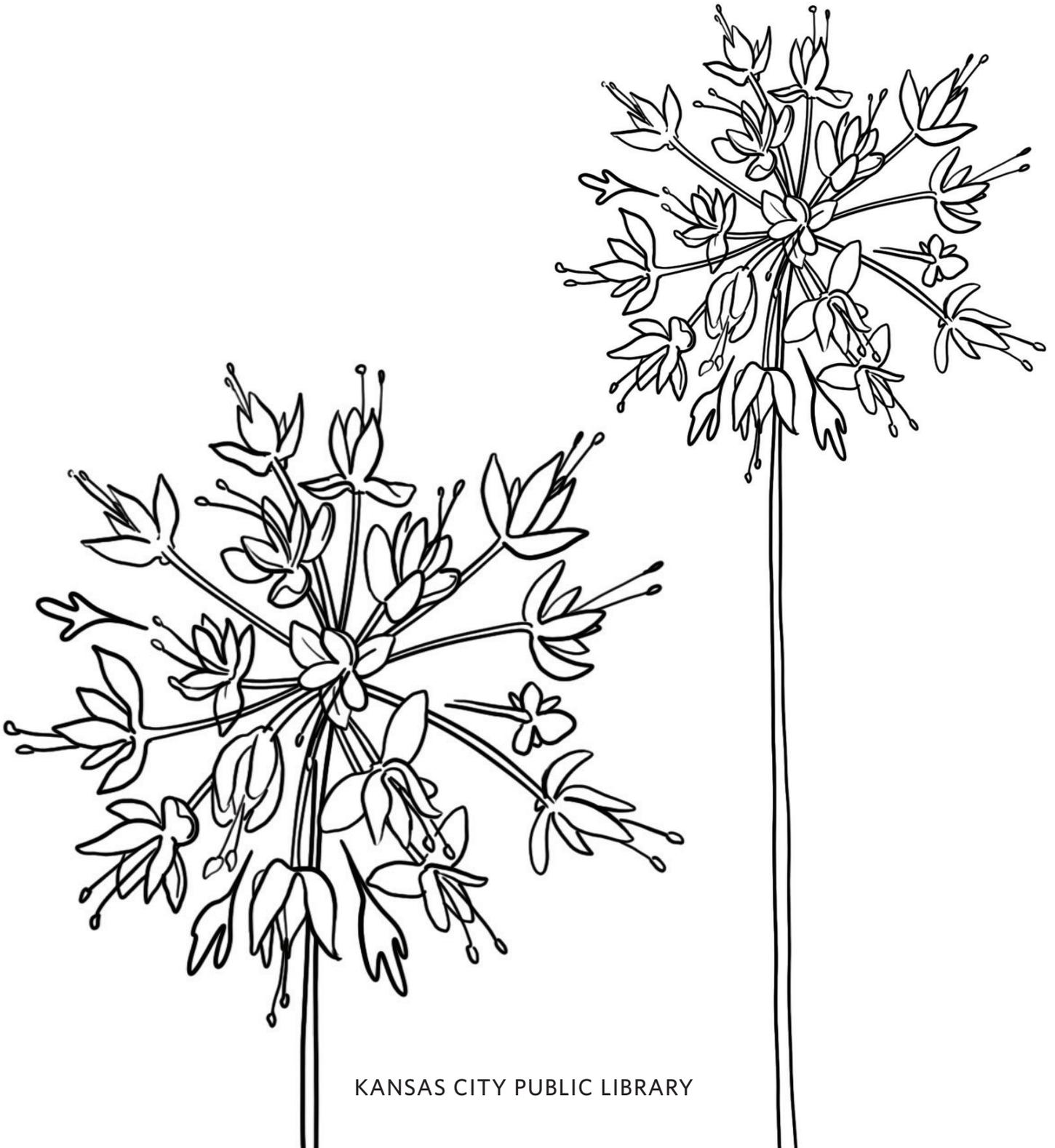
Meadow Salsify, also known as Yellow Goatsbeard, blooms in summer and looks like a giant dandelion. Its seeds are like parachutes waiting to catch the wind.



Prairie Onion

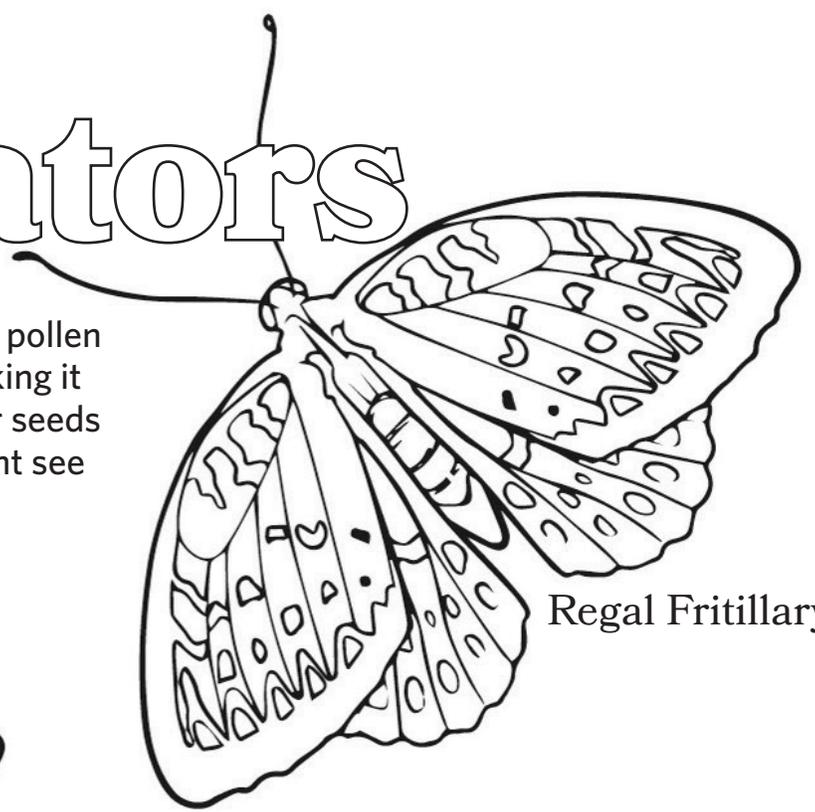
Allium stellatum

Allium, or wild onion, blooms in the fall. Purple balls sit precariously atop spindly stalks 12 to 18 inches high.

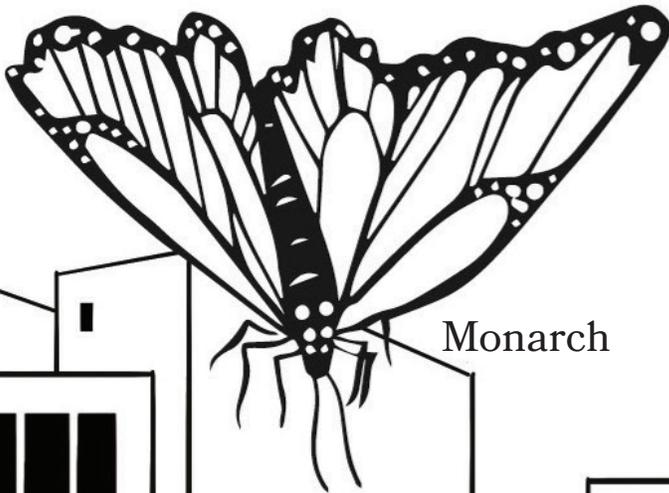


Pollinators

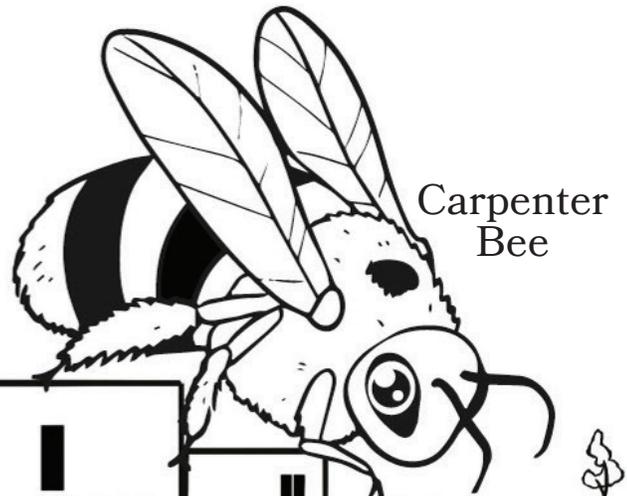
"Pollinators" are critters that help move pollen between plants or within one plant, making it possible for the plant to produce fruit or seeds and regenerate. Here are a few you might see in our area.



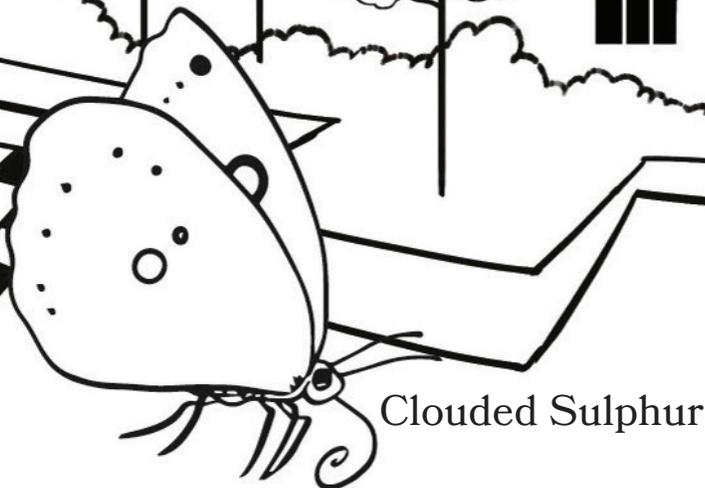
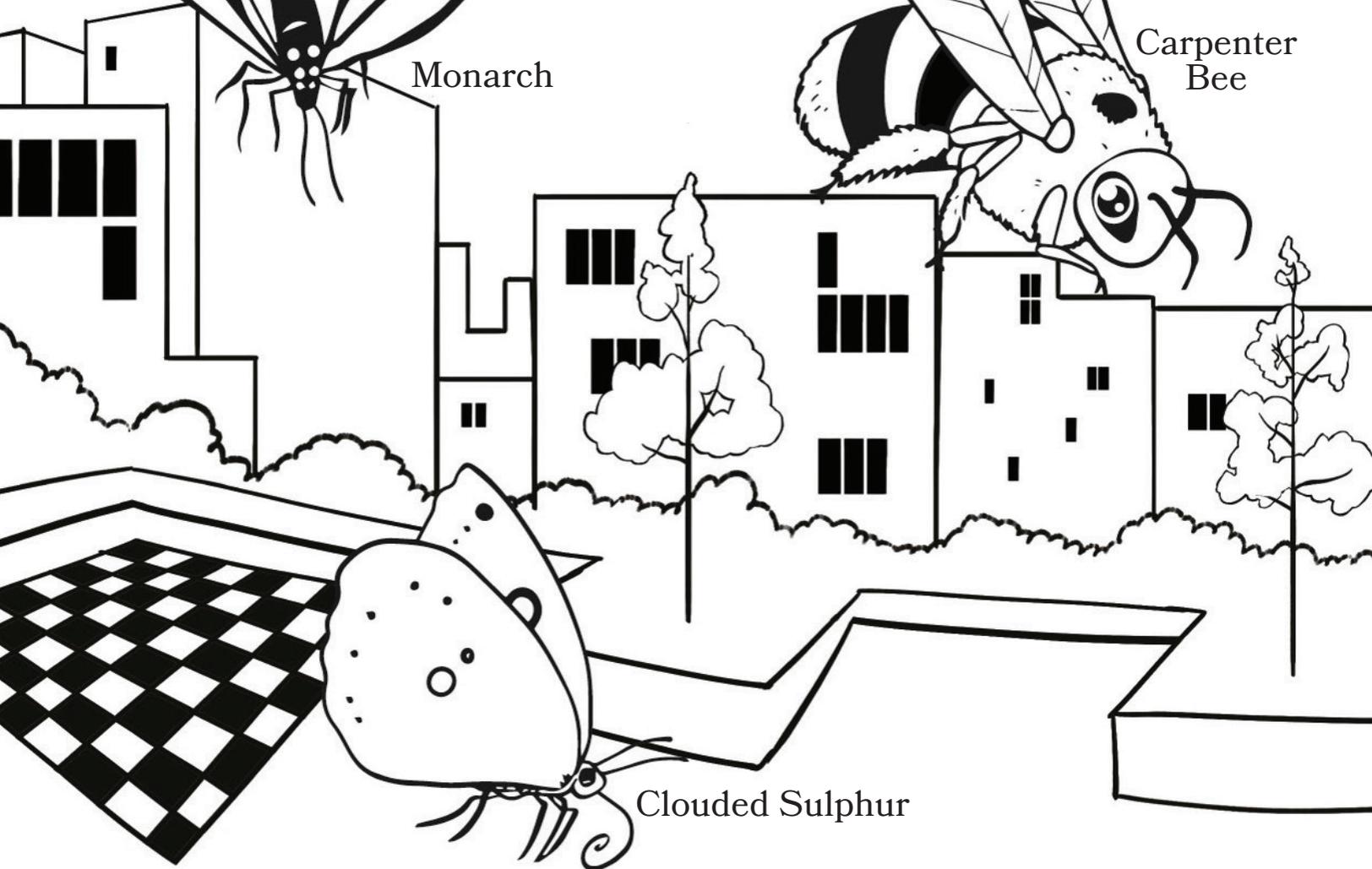
Regal Fritillary



Monarch



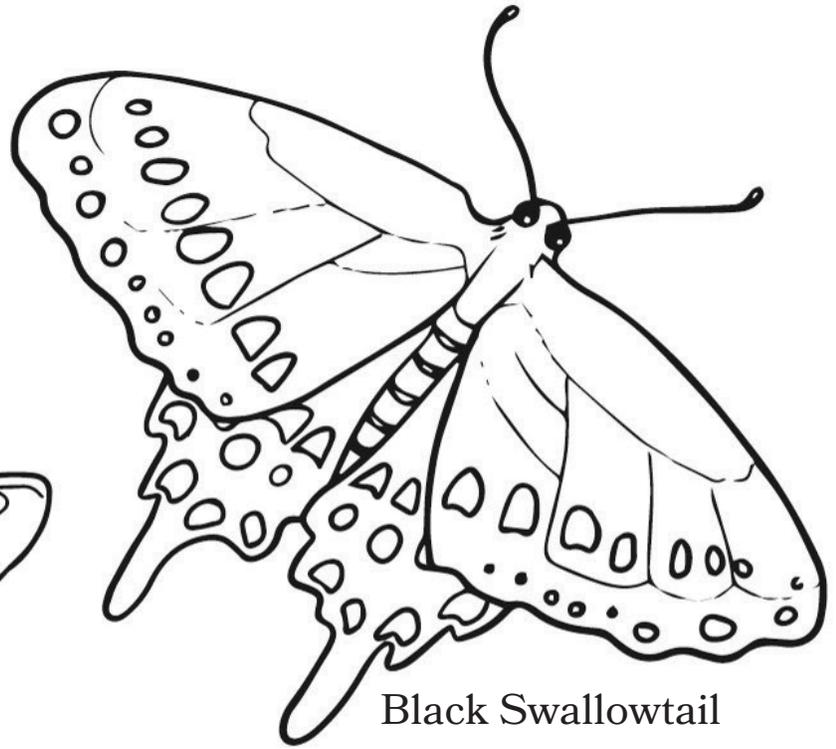
Carpenter Bee



Clouded Sulphur



Snowberry
Clearwing



Black Swallowtail

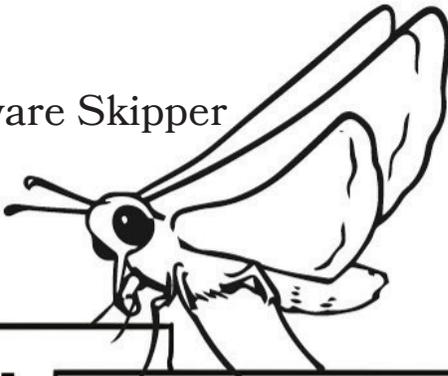
Sweat
Bee



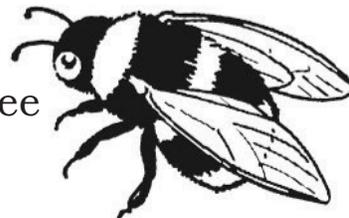
Honey
Bee



Delaware Skipper



Bumblebee



Black-Eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta

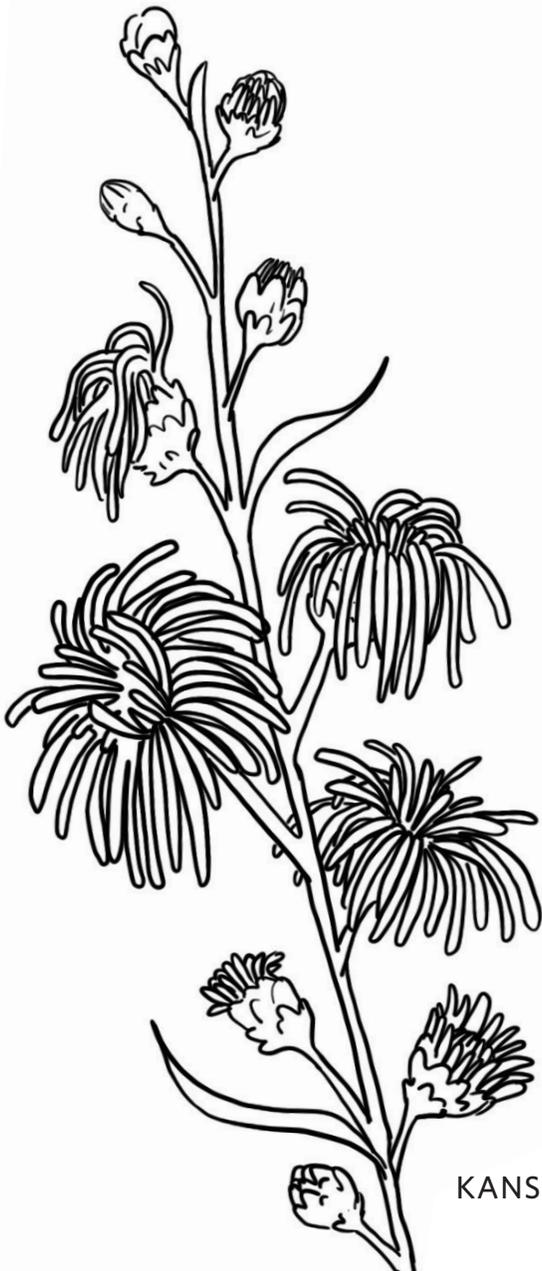
Black-Eyed Susan blooms from May through October and is commonly found in our region. It looks like a sunflower with its yellow petals, long stems, and deep purple brown center.



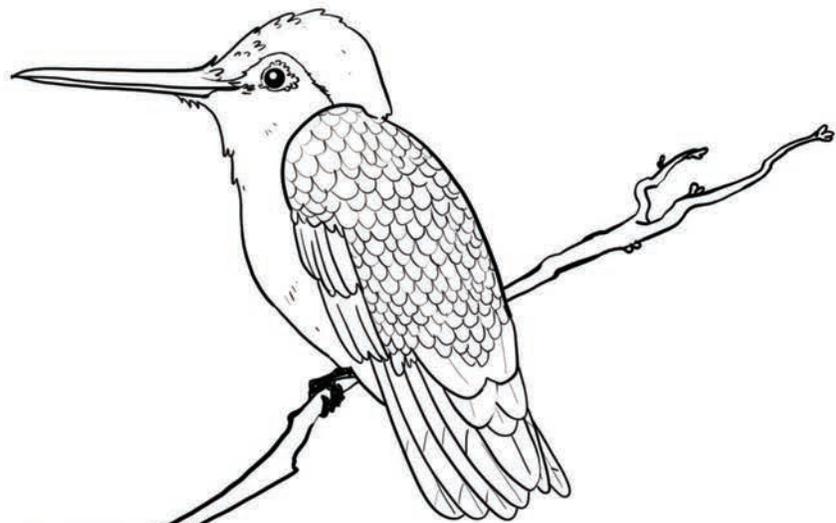
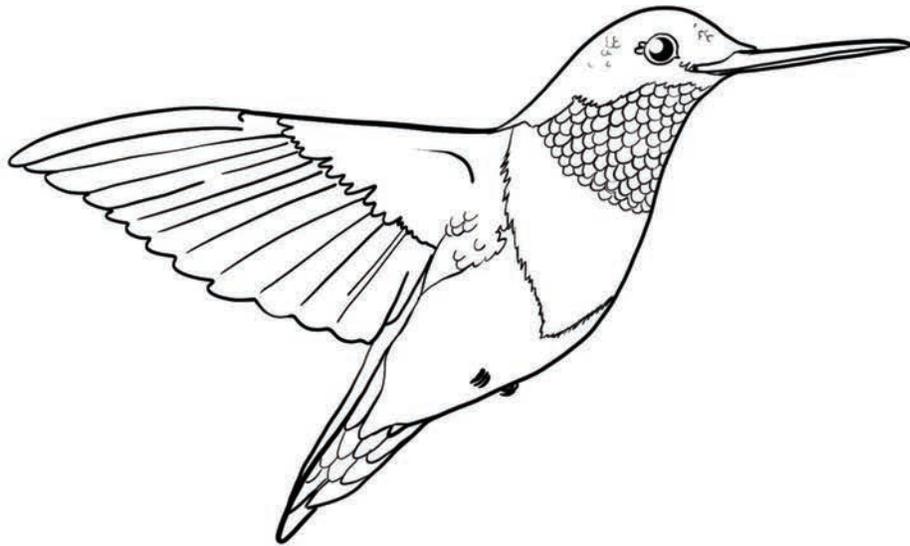
Rough Blazing Star

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?



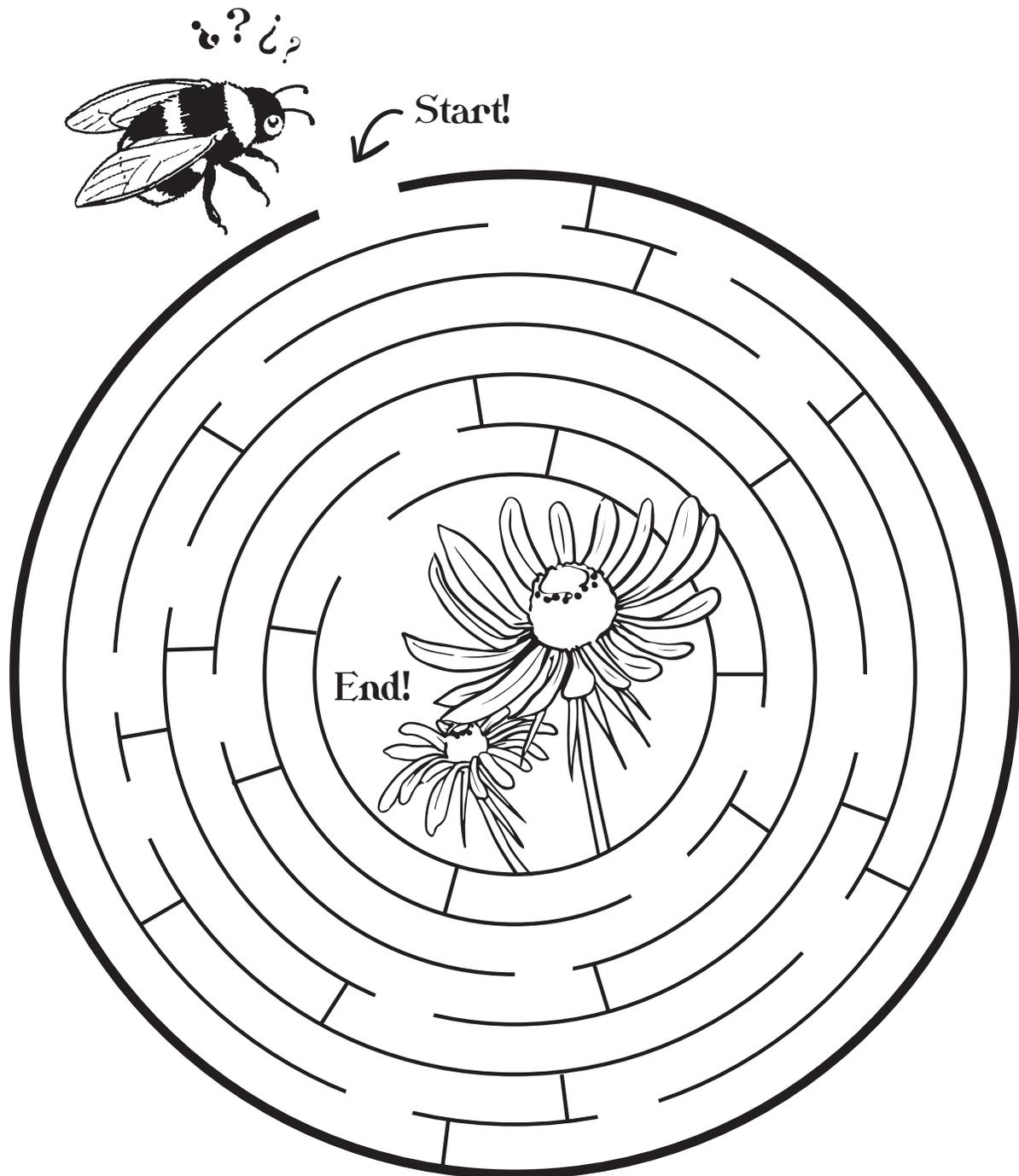
Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds



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?



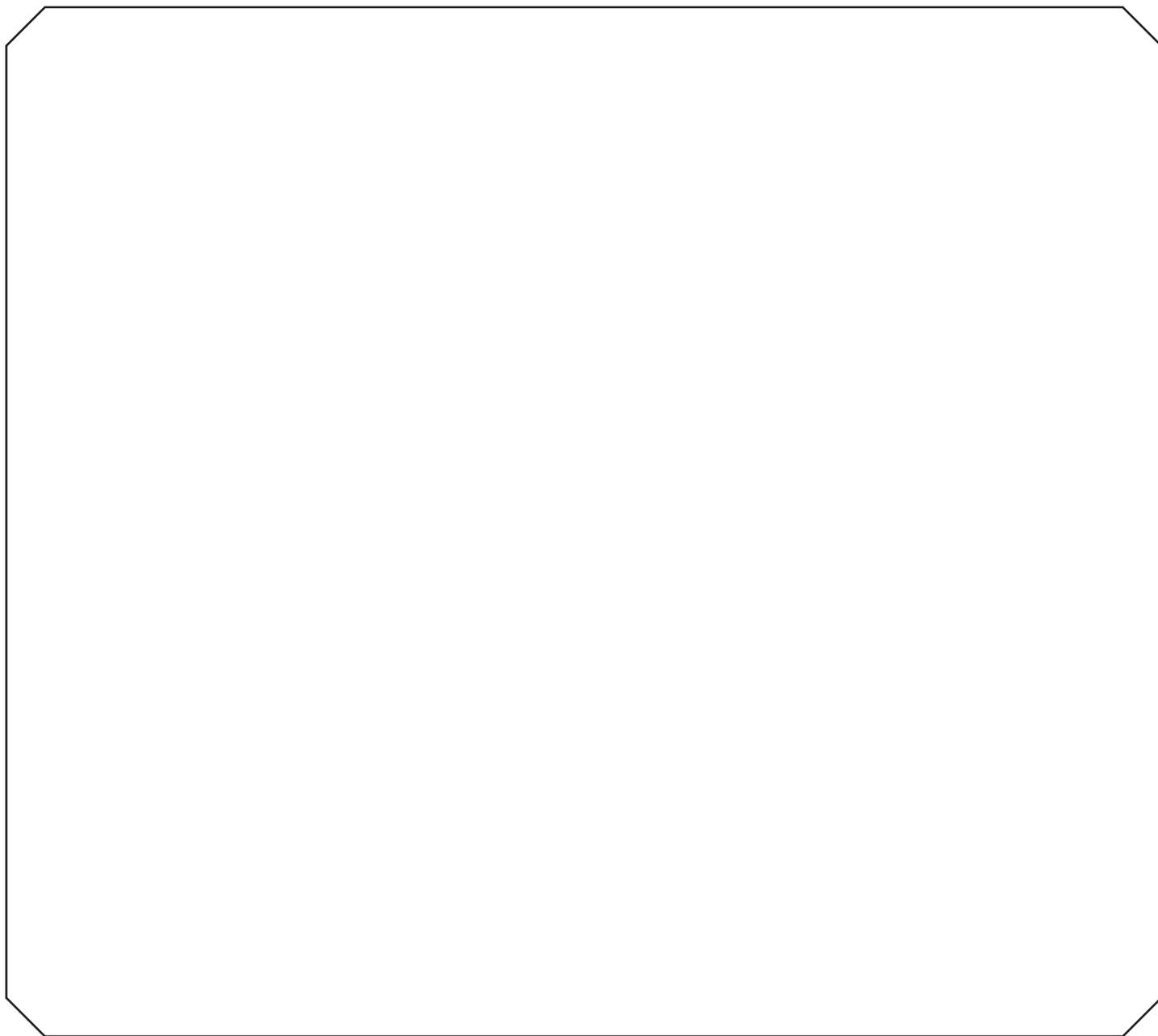
Draw Your Own Garden

Imagine a garden that YOU get to create!

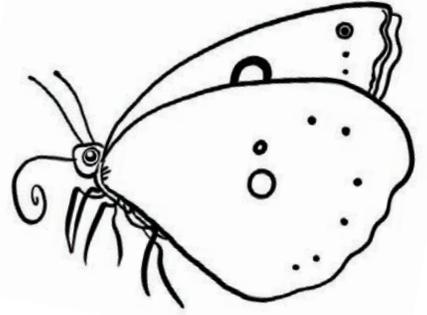
What plants or flowers will grow here?

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

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a red object.

Orange

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing an orange object.

Yellow

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a yellow object.

Green

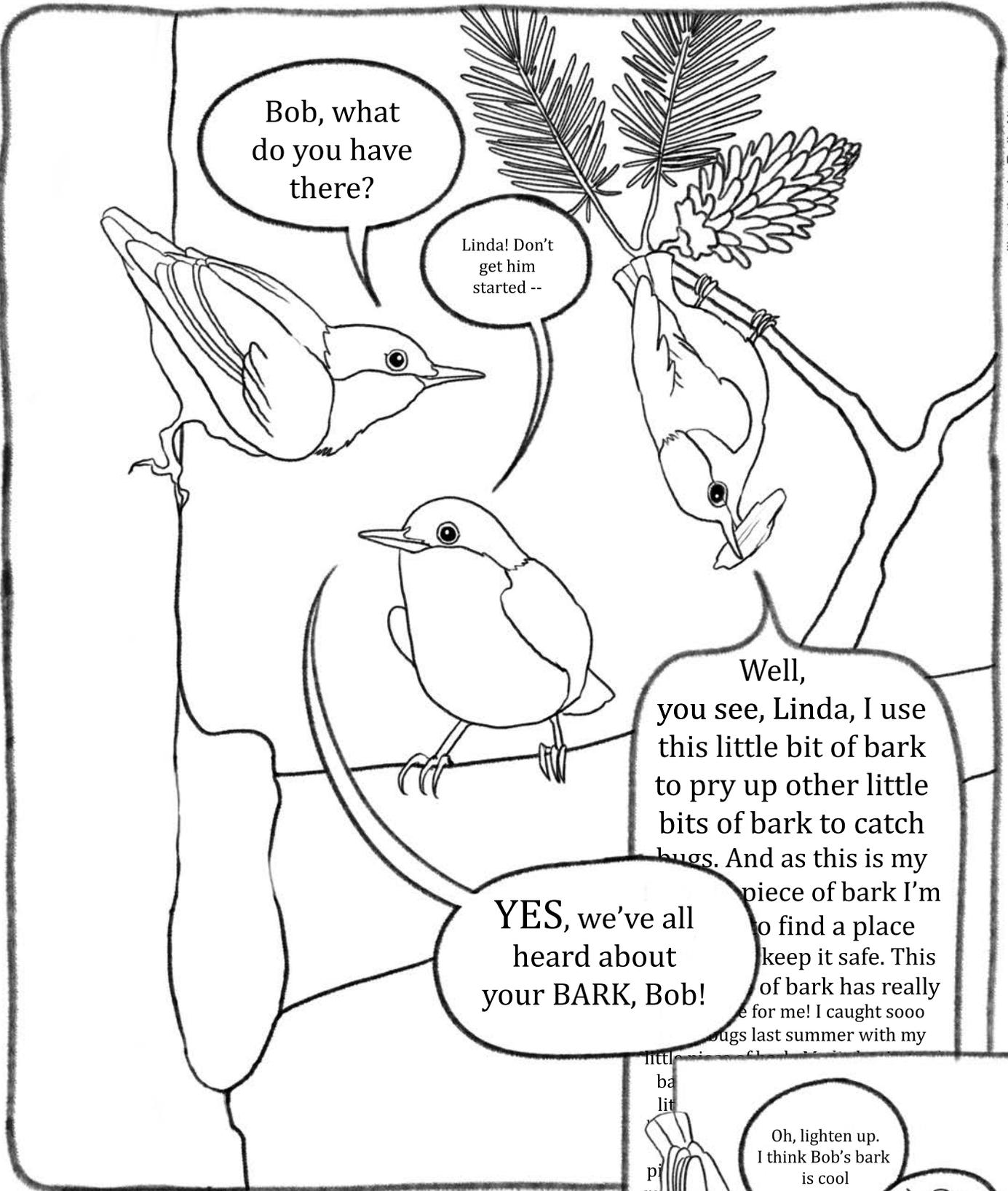
A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a green object.

Blue

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Purple

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a purple object.

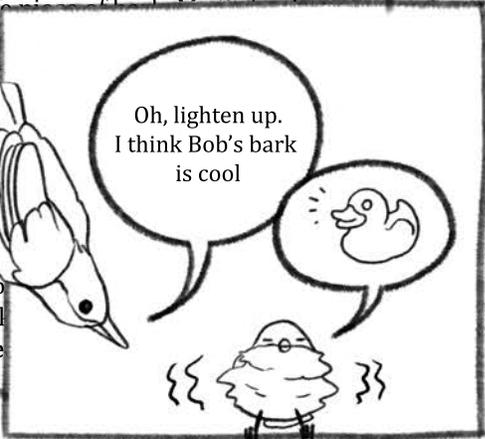


Bob, what do you have there?

Linda! Don't get him started --

Well, you see, Linda, I use this little bit of bark to pry up other little bits of bark to catch bugs. And as this is my piece of bark I'm going to find a place to keep it safe. This piece of bark has really helped me for me! I caught sooo many bugs last summer with my little bit of bark.

YES, we've all heard about your BARK, Bob!



Oh, lighten up. I think Bob's bark is cool

[Duck's speech bubble]

Brown-Headed Nuthatch

Fact: Makes a noise like a rubber ducky, "squeaka squeaka"

Fact: Reintroduced to Missouri in 2021

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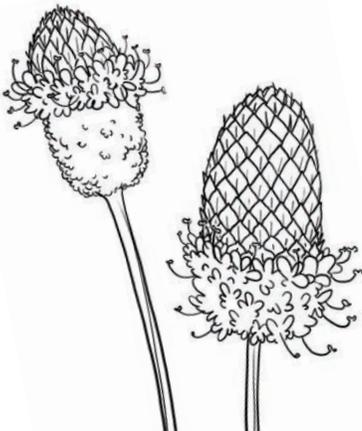
Seed Library at the Ruiz Branch

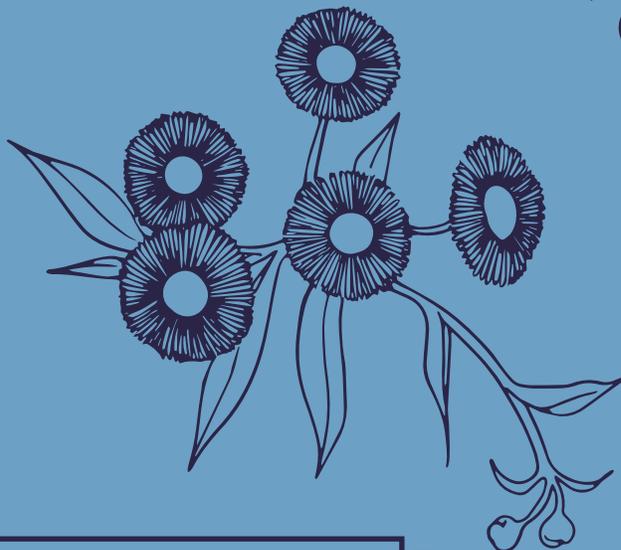
The Seed Library offers patrons **FREE** flower and vegetable seeds, as well as other resources to guide gardeners of all skill levels.

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