

What is a common plant that you see, where does it come from?

*CULTIVARS ARE PLANTS THAT HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY HUMANS
CULTIVARS OF NATIVE PLANTS CAN LOSE THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT THE WILDLIFE IT USED TO

If you no longer can care for a plant, please do not release it into the wild. Re-home it or dispose of it properly.

Make sure to clean your clothes, shoes, and gear after traveling to prevent spreading seeds or disease.

Become familiar with native plants and their non-native look alike to prevent accidents.

WAYS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF NON-NATIVE PLANTS

A non-native plant doesn't originally come from the area where it's growing. Even though it can grow in a new location, it contributes very little to the ecosystem. Unfortunately, it can cause serious harm by spreading and taking away resources from native plants and animals, destroying the balance.

Plants can be destructive

common milkweed (ASCLEPIAS SYRIACA)

Monarch butterflies can feed off many flowers, but their caterpillars can **only** eat milkweed (*Asclepias*). Plant milkweed that is **native** to your area to help them out.

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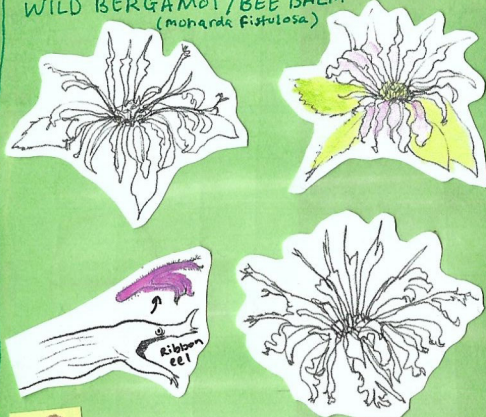
Look at a plant for 10 to 20 minutes. Observe it up close and/ or far away. How many different creatures do you see interacting with it?

Native plants are able to do this because they have evolved naturally in a specific area with other plants and animals, creating a balance where they supported each other.

Plants are powerful. Providing the ecosystem with food, clean air, shelter, and so much more.

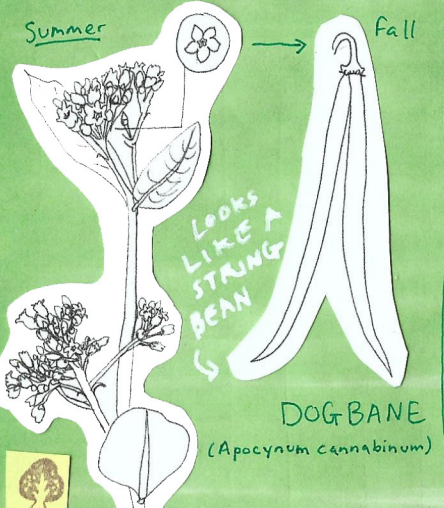
PLANTS ARE AMAZING!
THEY COME IN DIFFERENT SHAPES, PATTERNS, AND COLORS

WILD BERGAMOT/BEE BALM (*Moharda fistulosa*)



What is the most interesting plant you've seen? What do you like about it?

THEY CAN LOOK SO DIFFERENT THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS



Pick a plant to visit each season. How has it changed?

