

Wonderful World of Pollinators



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What's a Pollinator?



Pollinators, animals like birds, bees, bats, or even the wind, are necessary for plants to make seeds and fruit. Without pollinators, we wouldn't have apples, blueberries, almonds, and many other foods! Some pollinators rely on either one or a couple specific plants to help them complete their life cycle. That means they may need a specific plant to eat from, lay their eggs, or pupate! Look at the coloring sheets later in this book for examples!



Tiger Swallowtail on a Sunflower



Monarch Caterpillar on Milkweed

When you plant native wildflowers, like the ones in your seed ball, you are helping create shelter and food for pollinators. The pollinators will carry pollen between plants, which helps the next generation of wildflowers grow!

Want to plant more native flowers and other plants? Look for organizations or stores that sell pollinator friendly, **native** plants. In our area, The North Carolina Native Plant Society is a great resource. Find out more at www.ncwildflower.org.



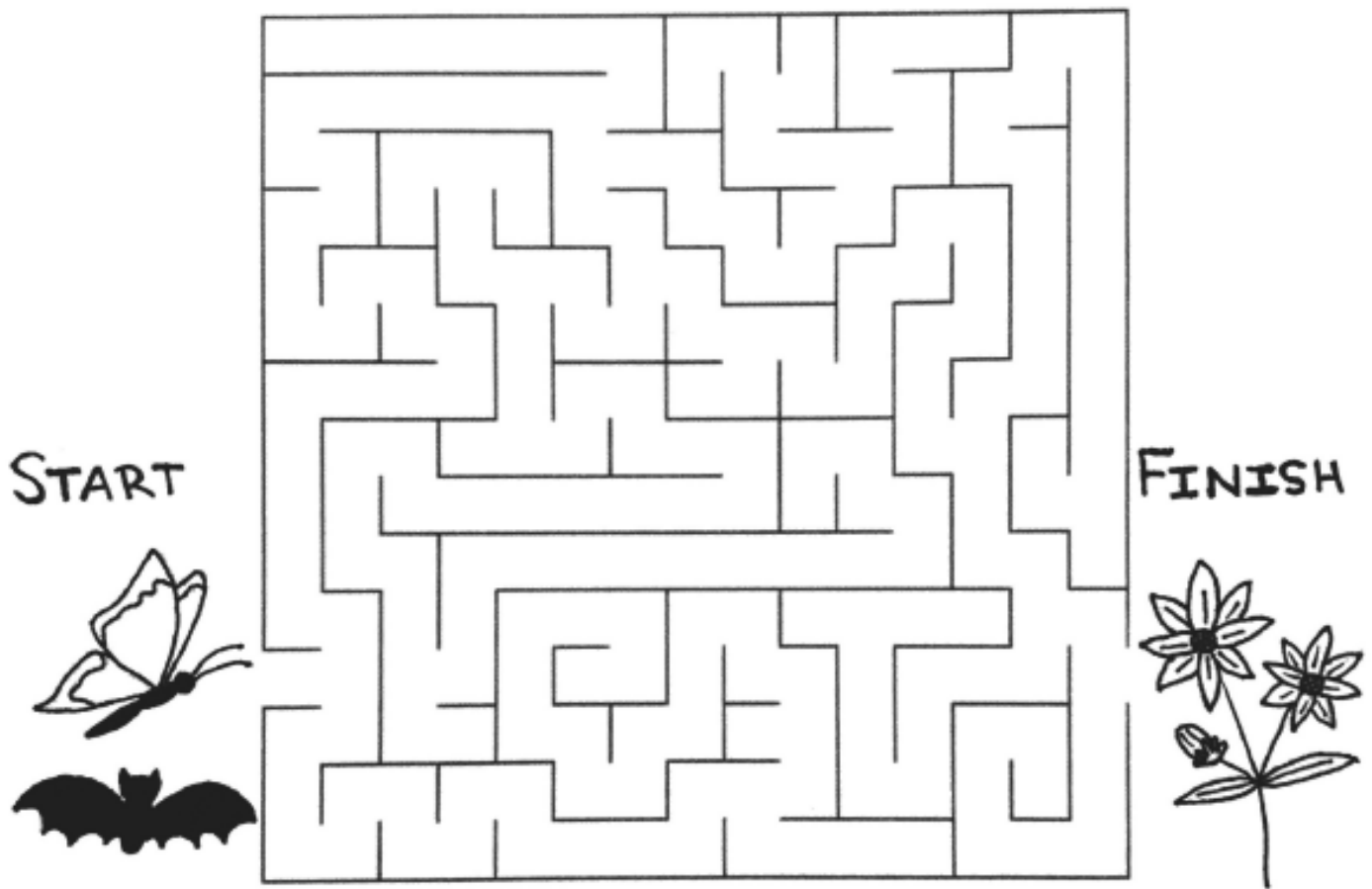
Carpenter Bee on Milkweed

Common Yarrow



Common Yarrow has fragrant flowers that attract many pollinators.

Help the Pollinators Find the Wildflowers!



Pollinators are animals, like butterflies, bats, and bees, who transfer pollen grains from plant to plant. Plants need the pollen to help them produce seeds to grow the next generation. Some pollinators have to travel long distances to get to plants. Can you help these friends get to the wildflowers?

Partridge Pea



The yellow blooms of the **Partridge Pea** attract butterflies like the **Cloudless Sulphur**

Wildflower Word Search

N C I D F H W A T E R
A U Z V E F J Q D I O
T Y E X P L O R E K O
U N B G H O H S E N T
R S J C U W F H O Z S
E T E K H E O S Y I F
D E K E I R M E U B L
I M W B D Q L V A N P
I X P S K W E D Z L J
P O L L I N A T O R G
N V R A J Q F S B X U

Can you find all the words?

Explore

Pollinator

Water

Leaf

Roots

Sun

Flower

Seed

Stem

Nature

Soil



The seeds of the **Lance-leaved Coreopsis** feed birds like **American Goldfinches**, which help distribute the seeds.

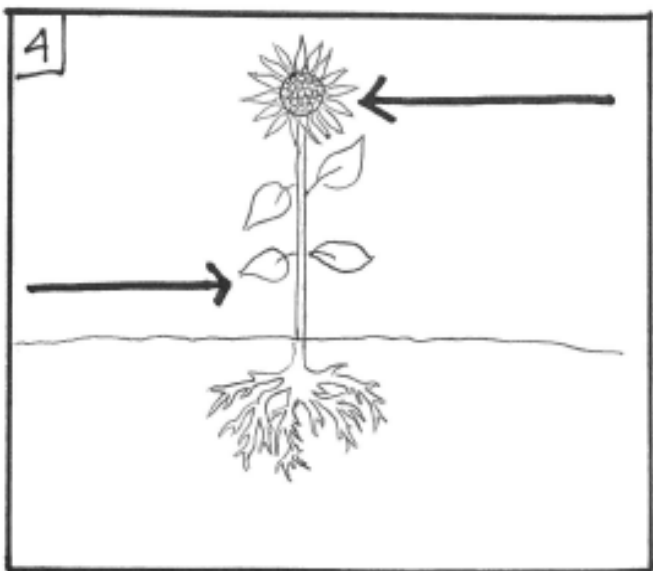
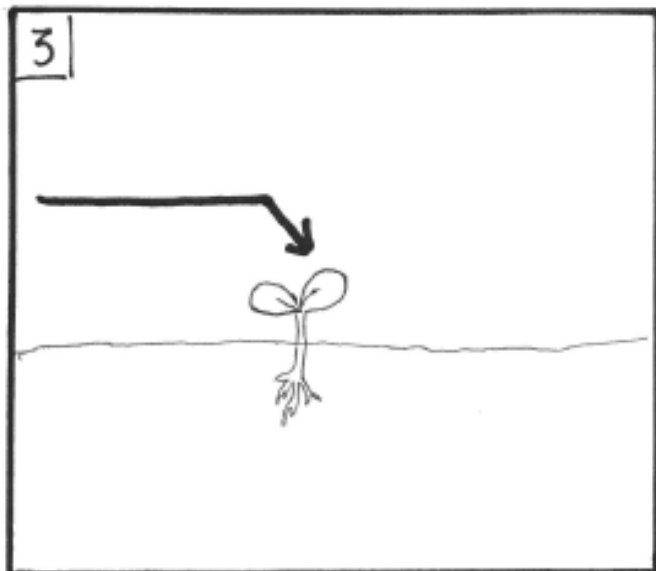
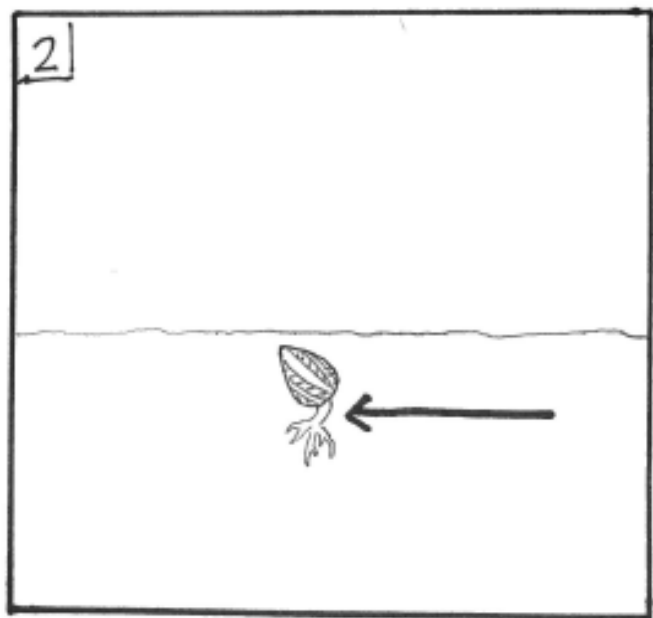
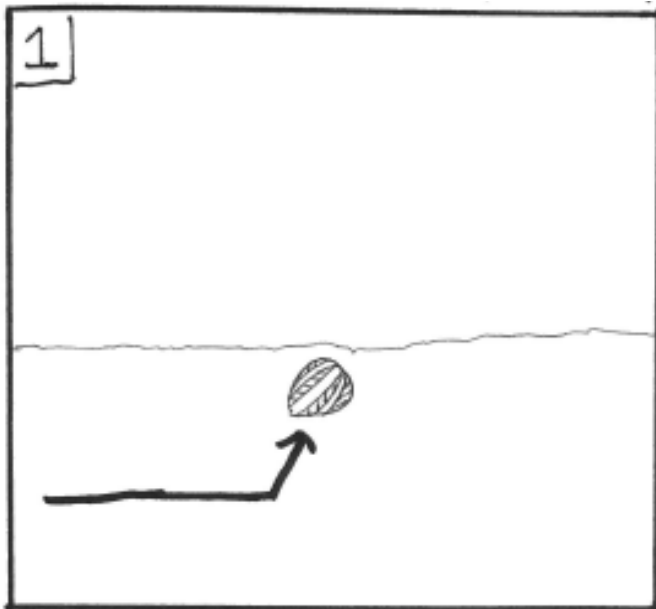
SEED CYCLE

Watch as this seed grows into a flower!
Can you label the plant parts using the
words in the word bank? Color in each
square once you've finished.

Word Bank

roots seed leaf
flower seedling

Answers: 1-seed; 2-roots; 3-seedling; 4-leaf, flower



Seed Scavenger Hunt


Now that you know all about seeds, head outside to find some! Enjoy the sun as you and your family go exploring!

Sensational Seeds

Can you find these seeds? Check off as you go.

☐ Maple Seed 

☐ Acorn 

☐ Pine Seed 

☐ Dandelion 

Seed Movers

How will the seeds move around? Search for these Seed Movers and circle the ones you find.



Goldfinch eats seeds



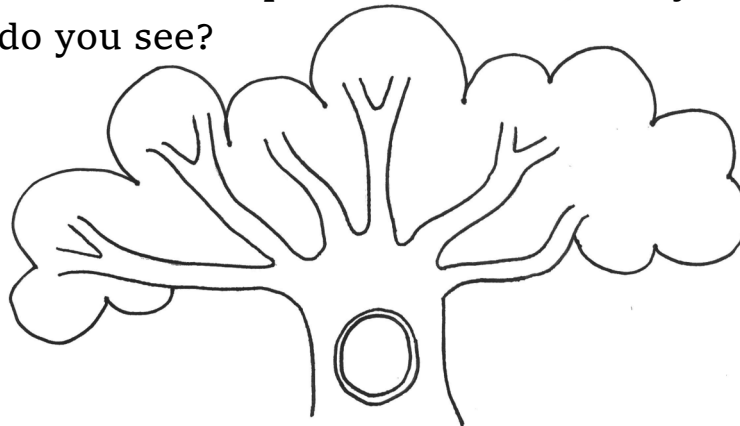
Wind blows seeds



Humans have
seeds stick to clothes

Seed Savers

Squirrels pick up seeds and nuts to store for fall and winter. Look around nearby trees to find squirrels. What are they doing? How many squirrels do you see?



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3237 Spottswood St (South Entrance), Raleigh, NC 27615
919-878-9116

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919-878-9116

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919-996-2760

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