



FLORIDA NATIVES

SCAVENGER HUNT & ACTIVITIES



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WILD PETUNIA

Reullia humilis

Clue: In gardens and fields,
my purple petals appear.
Bees love my trumpet
shape, buzzing near.



PINE TREE

Genus Pinus

Clue: I stand tall and
evergreen, with needles
for leaves and cones to
be seen.



STOKE'S ASTER

Stokesia laevis

Clue: I bloom in summer
with petals of lavender hue,
tall and proud, I reach for
the blue.



BUMBLE BEE

Genus Bombus

Clue: I buzz around from
flower to flower. With fuzzy
stripes of yellow and black
you see, I'm the worker bee.



ATALA BUTTERFLY

Eumaeus atala

Clue: I'm a creature of beauty,
with wings so bright,
black, red, and blue - I'm
quite the sight.



COONTIE

Zamia integrifolia

Clue: I like the shade.
I'm a small cycad with
leaves like ferns displayed.



SILVER SAW PALMETTO

Serenoa repens

Clue: With fronds of silver
that make me look furry,
in the sandy soils is where
I stand, and I look
quite grand.



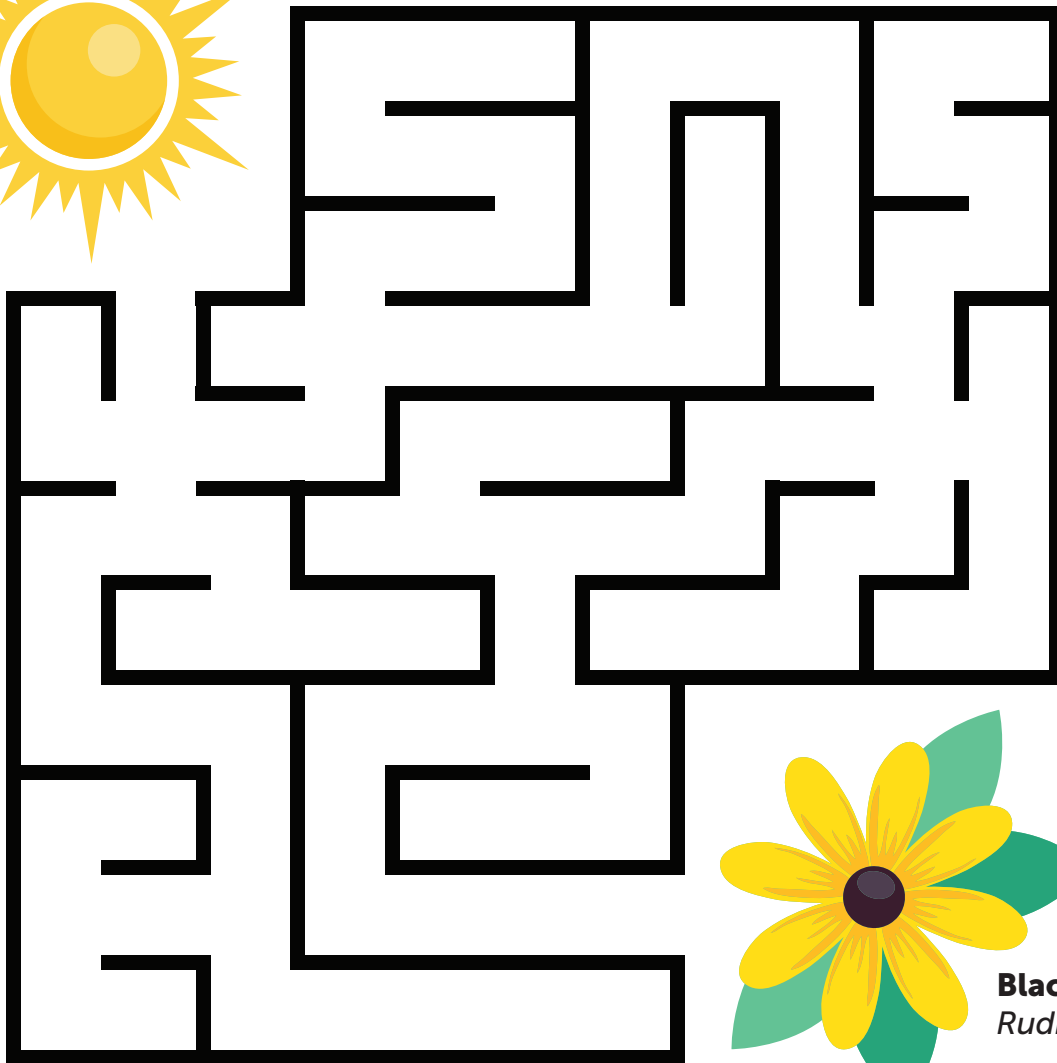
BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Rudbeckia hirta

Clue: With petals like rays
and a dark center seen,
I'm a cheerful flower,
not at all mean.

FLORIDA NATIVES MAZE

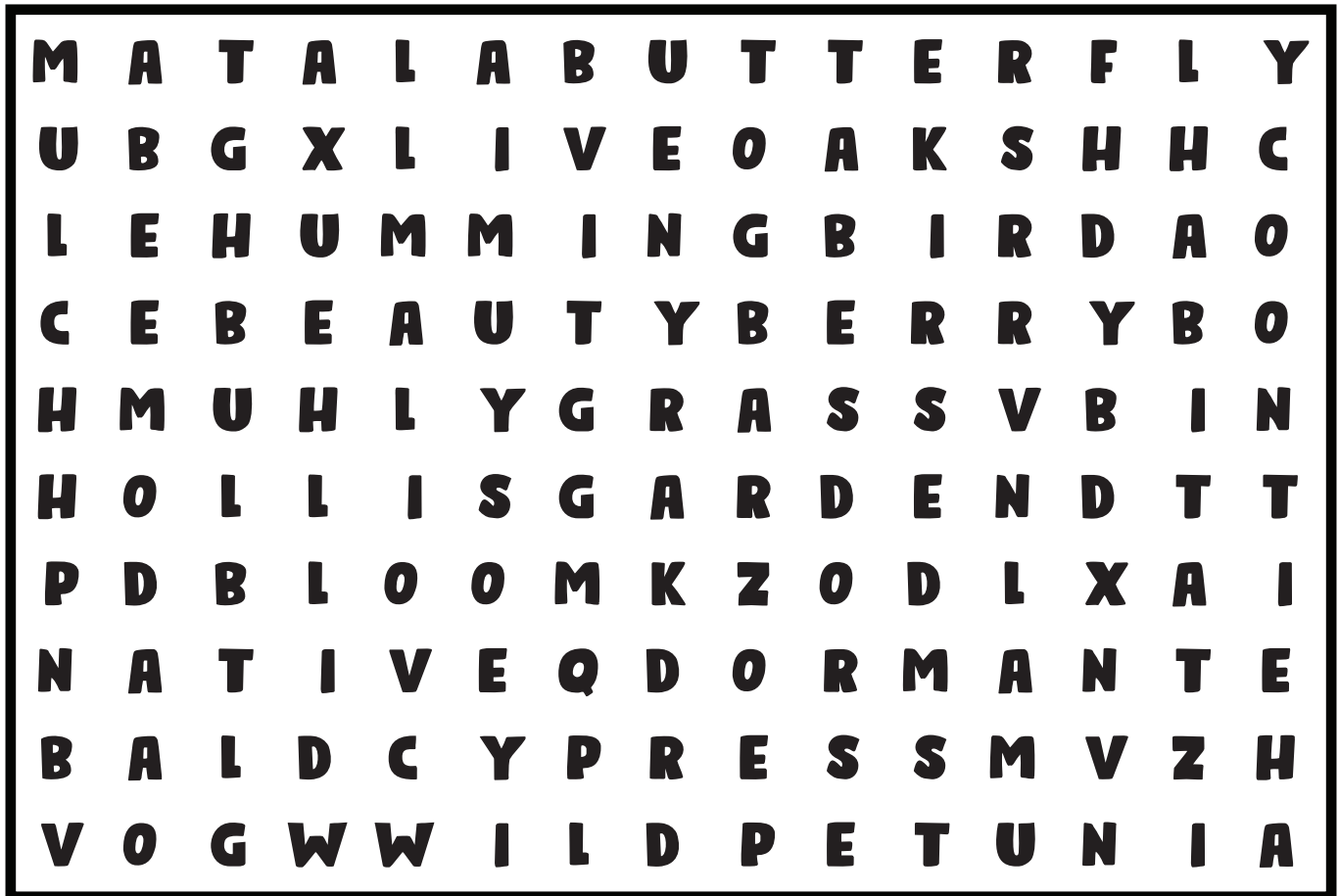
Draw a line to help the sun reach the plant!



Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta

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WORD SEARCH



Hollis Garden

Atala Butterfly

Bee

Hummingbird

Mulch

Native

Dormant

Bloom

Habitat

Beautyberry

Bald Cypress

Muhly Grass

Wild Petunia

Coontie

Live Oak

FLORIDA NATIVES NATURE JOURNALING

WHY?

Appreciate Nature

- Engage in mindful observation
- Document progression
- Get creative

Plan Better

- Keep a historical record
- Learn from experience
- Improve techniques

Record Ideas

- Have ideas ready for the next season
- List tips and tricks to try

Nature journaling enhances kids observation skills while also sparking creativity and environmental stewardship.

HOW?

Sketching

- Sketch garden layout and design ideas
- Sketch garden progress and plant growth

Create Plant Profiles

- Note plant name
- Write down care requirements and characteristics

Write What You See

- Pests, diseases, and symptoms
- Note when blooming
- Track sunlight exposure

Add Personal Reflections

- Celebrate successes and review challenges
- Write about experiences and emotions

Write What You Measure


- Temperature and rainfall
- Plant growth
- Soil pH (as needed)

Get creative! Make it fun by adding collages, pressed flowers, poetry, and more!

FLORIDA NATIVES NATURE JOURNALING

Now that you've learned about nature journaling, here's an example!

Common Name: Scorpion Tail
Scientific Name: *Relbunium angiospermum*
Date Planted: 10/28/2024
Purchased From: The Nursery
Plant Size: Up to 13 ft.
☐ Non-Toxic to Humans
☐ Pet Friendly
☒ Native
☐ Container Friendly
Ideal Temp: 60-100°F
Humidity: Moderate to High



☒ Sunlight
☒ Full Sun + some Partial Light
☐ Full Shade
☐ Other:

Watering Needs
☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ None
☒ Other: every 9 days

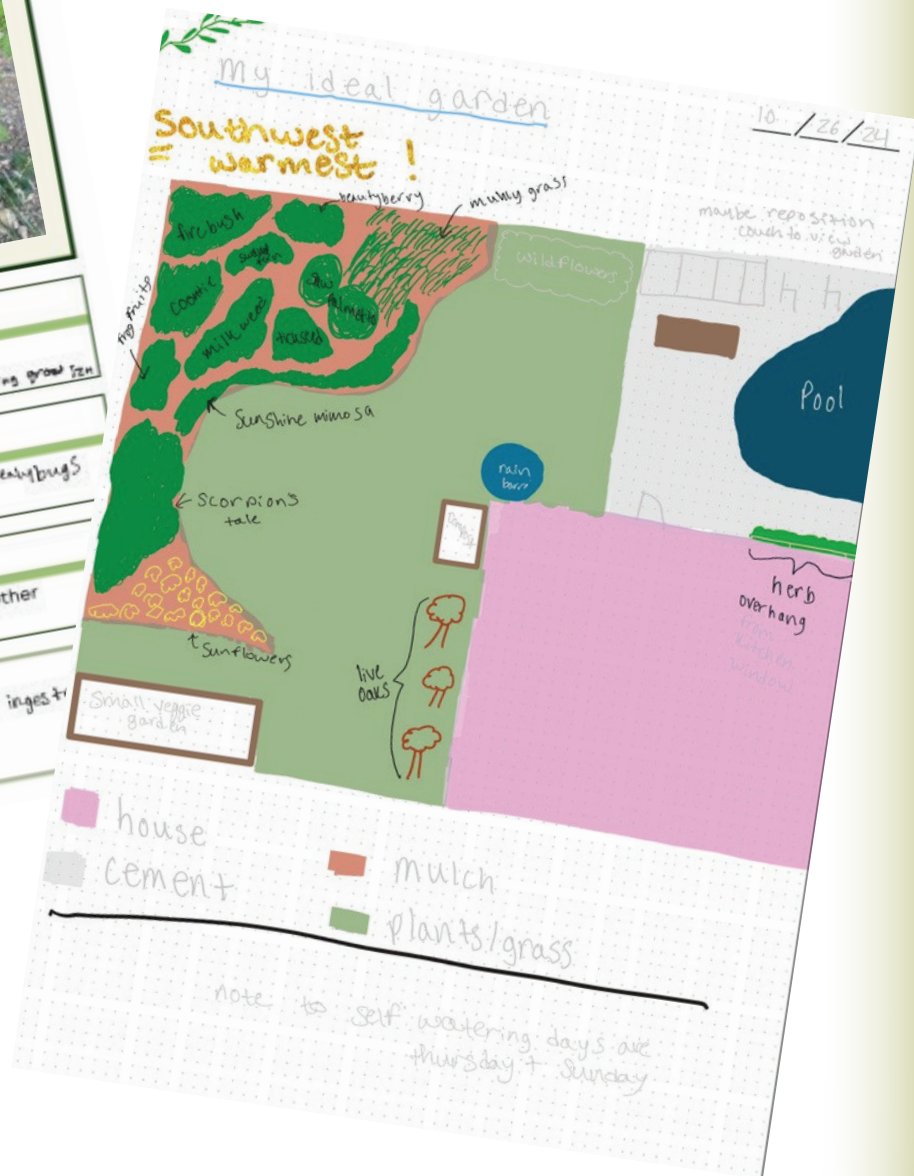
Soil Preference
Soil Type: sandy / limestone
pH: alkaline / neutral (7.5-8)
drain well / drains

Fertilizer
Type: T&D
Frequency: as needed during grow season

Common Pests
spider mites, aphids, mealybugs

Attracts
☒ Pollinators
☒ Birds
☐ Other

Additional Notes:
- dangerous if consumed, call poison control if ingested
- fast growing + self seeding
- white flowers always in bloom
- annual pruning



Now it's your turn!
Print the following pages,
or use them as inspiration
for your personal journal.
Happy journaling!

Common Name:

Scientific Name:

Date Planted:

Purchased From:

Plant Size:

- ☐ Non-Toxic to Humans
- ☐ Pet-Friendly
- ☐ Native
- ☐ Container Friendly

Ideal Temp:

Humidity:

ATTACH SEED BAG
AND/OR
PHOTO OF PLANT



Sunlight

- ☐ Full Sun
- ☐ Partial Light
- ☐ Full Shade
- ☐ Other:



Fertilizer

Type:
Frequency:



Watering Needs

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ None
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Other:

Common Pests



Soil Preference

Soil Type:
pH:

Attracts

- ☐ Pollinators
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Birds

Additional Notes:

