



# GARDEN SCAVENGER HUNT

*Look around your neighborhood or park and find as many of these plants and flowers as you can!*



**HYDRANGEA**



**ASTILBE**



**ROSES**



**SEDUM**



**CATMINT**



**HOSTA**



**MILKWEED**



**SHASTA  
DAISY**





# LOCAL BLOOMING FLOWER GUIDE

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## HYDRANGEA

Hydrangeas are native to North and South America, China, and Japan. They may be deciduous, which means they lose their leaves each autumn, or evergreen. Hydrangeas bear white, pink, or bluish flowers. Each small flower grows with many others in large, showy clusters. They need rich and slightly moist soil. They grow well in partly shaded places. They flower more freely in the sun if they have sufficient moisture. Hydrangeas are grown from cuttings or seeds. They bloom from late summer until fall.



## ASTILBE

Astilbe native to mountain ravines and woodlands in Asia and North America. Some species are known by the common name false goat's beard. These hardy herbaceous perennials are cultivated for their large, handsome, often fern-like foliage and dense, feathery plumes of flowers. They are widely adapted to shade and water-logged conditions, hence they are particularly associated with pond-side planting.



## SEDUM

Sedum is a perennial plant with thick, succulent leaves, fleshy stems, and clusters of star-shaped flowers. There are many, many different varieties and species of sedum—also called “stonecrop”—which makes them suitable for use in almost any garden design. They're hardy, easy to care for, and beloved by pollinators! (like bees!)



## ROSES

Rose is any of a large group of flowers that rank among the most popular in the world. People value roses for their beauty and for the sweet fragrance of many varieties. Wild roses commonly grow in gardens and parks. Many states and nations—including England, Iran, and the United States—honor the rose as their official flower. Roses come in many colors, including shades of pink, red, yellow, white, and even lavender.



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## CATMINT

Catmint is a strong-smelling plant of the mint family. It grows to a height of 2 or 3 feet. Catmint has been cultivated for centuries and used for medical purposes. A tonic made from the plant is said to be a good remedy for colds.



## HOSTA

Hosta is a genus of plants commonly known as hostas, plantain lilies and occasionally by the Japanese name gibōshi. Hostas are widely cultivated as shade-tolerant foliage plants. Slugs, snails, rabbits, and especially deer like hostas almost as much as people do!



## MILKWEED

Milkweed is a medicinal plant. Its milky sap contains cardiac glycosides that may be used to treat a variety of heart diseases. The monarch butterfly is dependent on Milkweed for nutrition and propagation. Milkweed sap is the sole food source of the monarch butterfly larvae.



## SHASTA DAISY

Shasta daisy flowers provide perky summer blooms, offering the look of the traditional daisy. Originally it known as *Chrysanthemum x superbum*, the plant was renamed and is now known as *Leucanthemum x superbum*. Some may reach 3 feet in height while others are just a few inches tall.

# DESIGN YOUR OWN GARDEN



*Using different art supplies - markers, pencils, crayons, buttons & more, design what your garden would look like! Make it as colorful as you'd like!*



# MY GARDEN JOURNAL



*Spend a day outside and record all the different things you noticed in the garden.*

TODAY IS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPERATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

THE WEATHER IS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL THE  
COLORS OF THE  
PLANTS AND  
TREES YOU SEE:

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LIST ALL THE  
BUGS YOU SEE  
(AND HEAR!)

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