

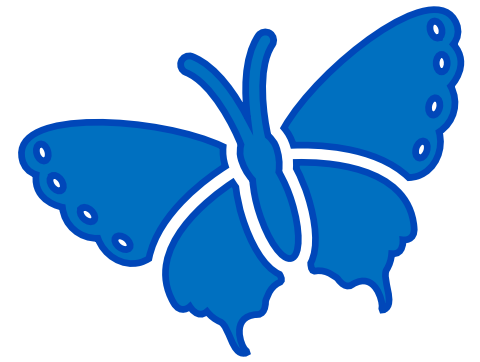
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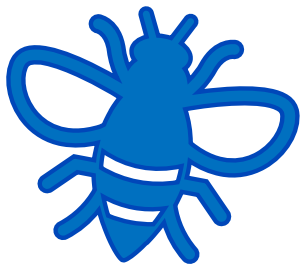
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Plants in Your Backyard



Trees, Shrubs, Perennials & Annuals

- In your backyard or local park, you may have noticed that many different kinds and types of plants grow all around us. You may even know the difference between a tall green tree and a small yellow flower, but do you know the difference between trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals?

Trees, Shrubs, Perennials & Annuals

- Does anyone already know the names of any trees, shrubs, perennials or annuals?
- Does anyone already know the differences between these types of plants?
- Does anyone already know the difference between deciduous and coniferous plants?



Trees

- Typically the tallest plant in your backyard with a stem or trunk that runs from the base to the top of the tree with smaller branches pushing off to make room for leaves to grow and provide shade to us all during the hot summer months.



Shrubs

- Shrubs are usually much shorter and more rounded or bushier than trees. Shrubs usually look more circular or spherical in shape while trees look more like a much taller column.



Deciduous vs Coniferous

Deciduous

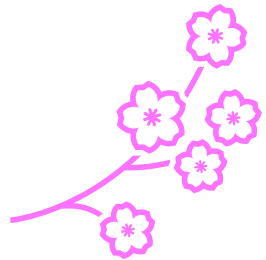
- Just like flowers shed their petals after they flower and fruit trees eventually drop or shed their fruits, deciduous trees and shrubs do the same, they drop their leaves! Deciduous shrubs and trees will first change their leaves from greens, reds and purples to more orange and yellow leaves. These leaves will soon after fall to the ground.

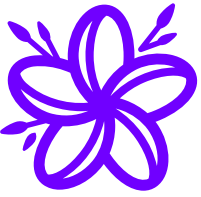
Coniferous

- These types of trees and shrubs keep their foliage or needles all year. These types of trees and shrubs usually stay their typical colour of green, yellow or blue year-round, and do not change colour during the fall, like deciduous trees do.

Perennials

- A plant that comes back year-after-year. Many perennials flower with almost any colour you can imagine! Other perennials grow in the form of a grass or a creeping ground cover type.





Annuals

- A plant that only grows throughout one year and does not come back year-after-year. Annuals come in the form of flower, creeping ground cover and grasses just like perennials, however, annuals typically bloom longer throughout their favourite season. Annual flowers also tend to flower much more and be more colourful than perennial flowers.

Vegetables & Herbs

- Mentioned back in our second episode, veggies and herbs grow from the roots, leaves or stem of the plant and taste less sweet and more fibrous and savoury compared to fruits.



Fruits

- Also mentioned in our second episode, fruits are objects that grow from the flower of a plant or contain seeds. Fruits *can* taste more sweet and tart when compared to vegetables, however, some fruits like tomatoes and beans may not fit this common belief.

What to look for outside

- Most backyards and parks will have at least some of the most common (and easy to recognise) Trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetables and fruits such as:
 - Maple
 - Oak
 - Lilac
 - Hydrangea

What to look for outside

- Feather Reed grass
- Hosta
- Coneflower
- Petunia
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes
- Basil

Continuing Learning and Fun

- Now that we know so much about the most common types of plants in our backyards and parks, how can we all use this knowledge to have some fun and explore our own backyards or parks?
- Available for free download is multiple types of activity sheets to complete on your own or with a sibling, guardian or friend!

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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