

Explore and Observe: plants on the Land Trust's properties.

Age Group 1 – walk a trail and sketch/describe in writing 5 items listed below

Age Group 2 – walk a trail, sketch/describe in writing 5 items listed below with one fact researched about each of them

Find a plant:

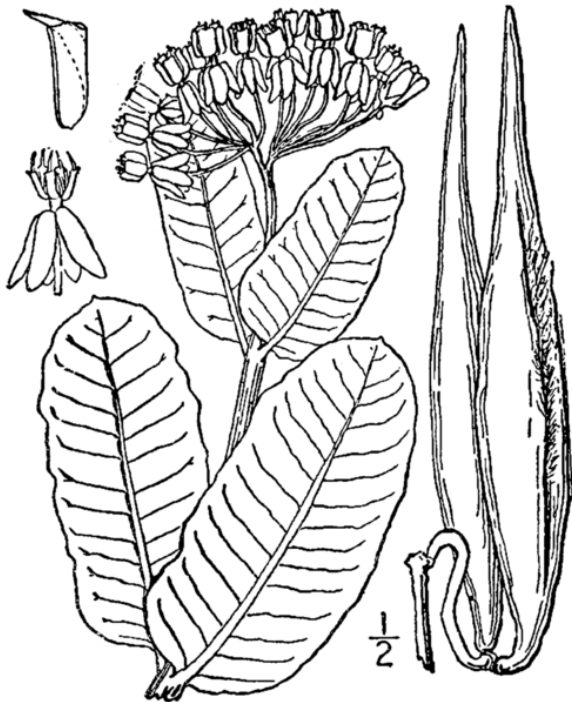
- With a leaf from a plant that has developed broad leaves to gather more sun
- With needles or needle-like leaves
- That is tall and gathers sunlight above surrounding plants
- That is short and grows low to the ground
- That has developed berries to entice animals to carry its seeds
- That grows in wet conditions
- That grows in a forest
- That grows in a meadow or field
- With a seed that is specially adapted to blow in the wind – with wings or fluff
- With a “hitchhiker seed” that travels by sticking to animals and birds
- With a winged seed from a tall plant
- With a colorful flower to attract insects or birds
- With a sweet smelling flower to attract insects or birds
- With thorns or prickles to prevent being eaten

Examples on next page.





This plant has thorns, black berries, and broad leaves. It grows along the edges of fields and forests in lots of sunlight. It is called blackberry (*Rubus allegheniensis*) and is native to New England.



This plant had a monarch butterfly caterpillar on it, growing in a field and taller than the rest of the plants there. The flowers are showy and pink. It is called clasp milkweed (*Asclepias amplexicaulis*).