



Wild Flower Finder Brownie Try It

Try these fun activities to learn more about wild plants and flowers. To earn this Try-It, complete four activities. (Including the two with stars)

1. **Wild Flowers Are All Around You*** With your troop or family member, go on several walks to see wild plants growing in their native homes. Identify 10 wild plants. **Do not pick or dig them.**

2. **Learn to Observe*** Choose 1 wild flower that is in bloom to observe. Look at it carefully and fill out the wild flower worksheet.

- Where is this plant growing? (woods, field, Swamp, etc.)
- How tall is the plant?
- What do the leaves look like? (shape, size, color, smooth, jagged, etc.)
- What color and shape are the petals?
- What color is the center of the flower?
- What does the blossom smell like?
- Use a field guide to identify your wild flower.

3. **Blowing in the Wind** Find several different kinds of seeds and notice how some are prepared to travel. Some seeds have umbrellas, sails, or spines. Examples of these are the Milkweed, Dandelion, and Thistle. The Burdock seeds like to steal rides on our shoelaces, socks and clothing.

4. **Beware of These!** Be able to identify the following plants, if they grow in your part of the country: Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Poison Sumac, and Stinging Nettle. What should you do if you come in contact with one of these plants?

5. **Be Creative** Sketch or photograph some wild plants. Also learn the standard rule of conservation, "Take nothing but pictures, and leave nothing but footprints."

6. **Field Trip Time** Visit a local greenhouse or nursery and try to find relatives of wild plants. Ask a sales representative to direct you to the perennial plant section. Perennials are plants that bloom year after year. They may last for a few years or for generations. You are sure to find a few family members there.