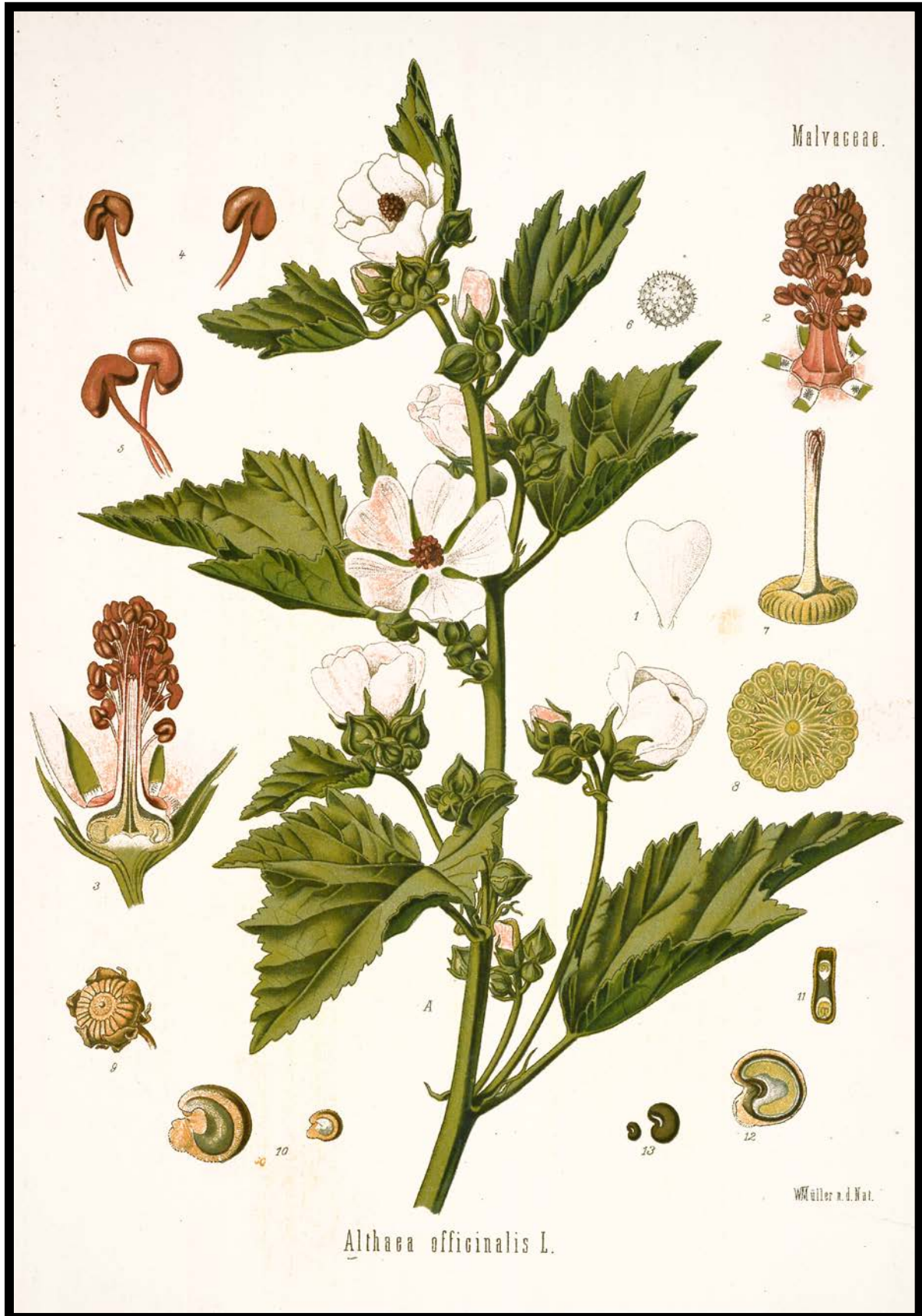


## Living Things and their Habitats –

Examples of botanical illustrations







*Leontodon Taraxacum.*



1. Rosemary  
*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.

2 a, b, c. Melissa  
*Melissa officinalis* L.

3 a, b. Hyssop  
*Hyssopus officinalis* L.



Rosaceae 1. Prunaeae.



320. *Amygdalus communis* L.

Mandelbaum.



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*Oxalis enneaphylla* Cav.







1 a, b. Herbstzeitlose.  
*Colchicum autumnale* L.

2 a, b. Tollkirsche.  
*Atropa belladonna* L.

3 a—c. Seidelbast.  
*Daphne mezereum* L.

4 a—g. Roter Fingerhut.  
*Digitalis purpurea* L.





W. Meier u. L. Bat.

**Gallery questions:**

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*Botanical art (not illustration)*

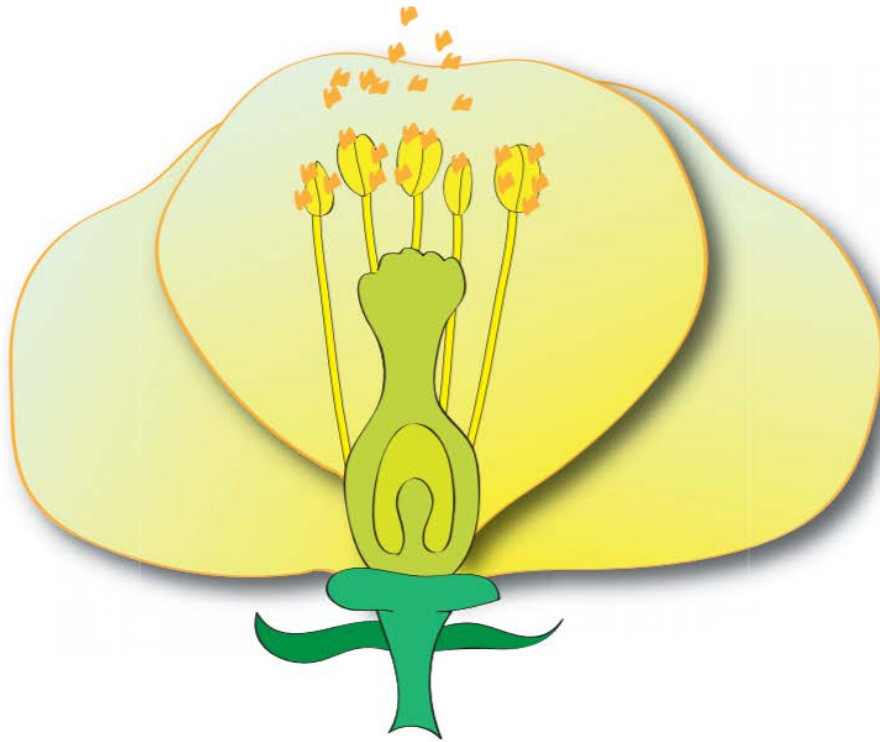






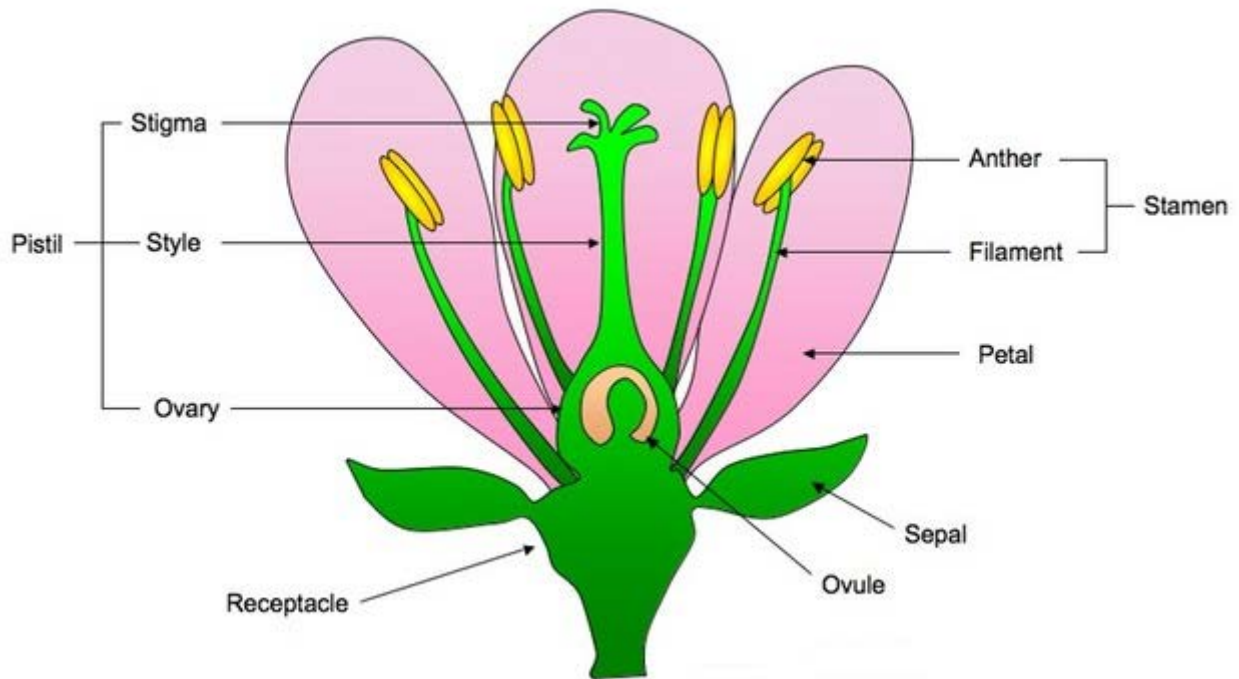
## Unlabelled flower with labels to add in

The parts of a simple flower



<b>Petal</b>	<b>Pollen</b>	<b>Anther</b>
<b>Sepal</b>	<b>Pistil</b>	<b>Sepal</b>
<b>Stamen</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Receptacle</b>
<b>Stigma</b>	<b>Filaments</b>	<b>Stem</b>
<b>Ovule</b>	<b>Ovary</b>	

## Labelled flower



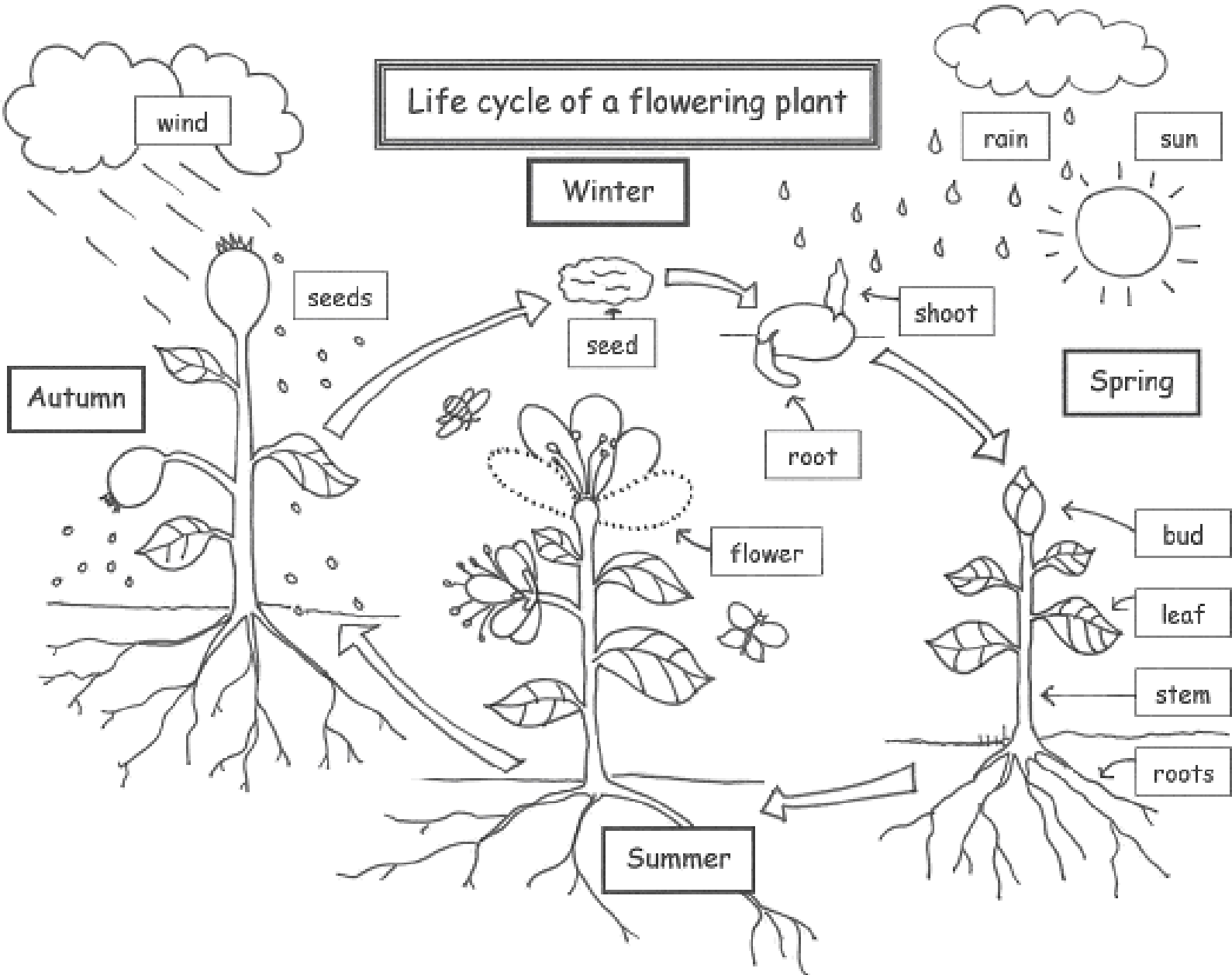
The **stamen** consists of the anther and the filament.

The **carpel** consists of the stigma, style and ovary. The pistil is a fused group of carpels.

The **receptacle** is a thickened part of the stem from which the flower organs grow.

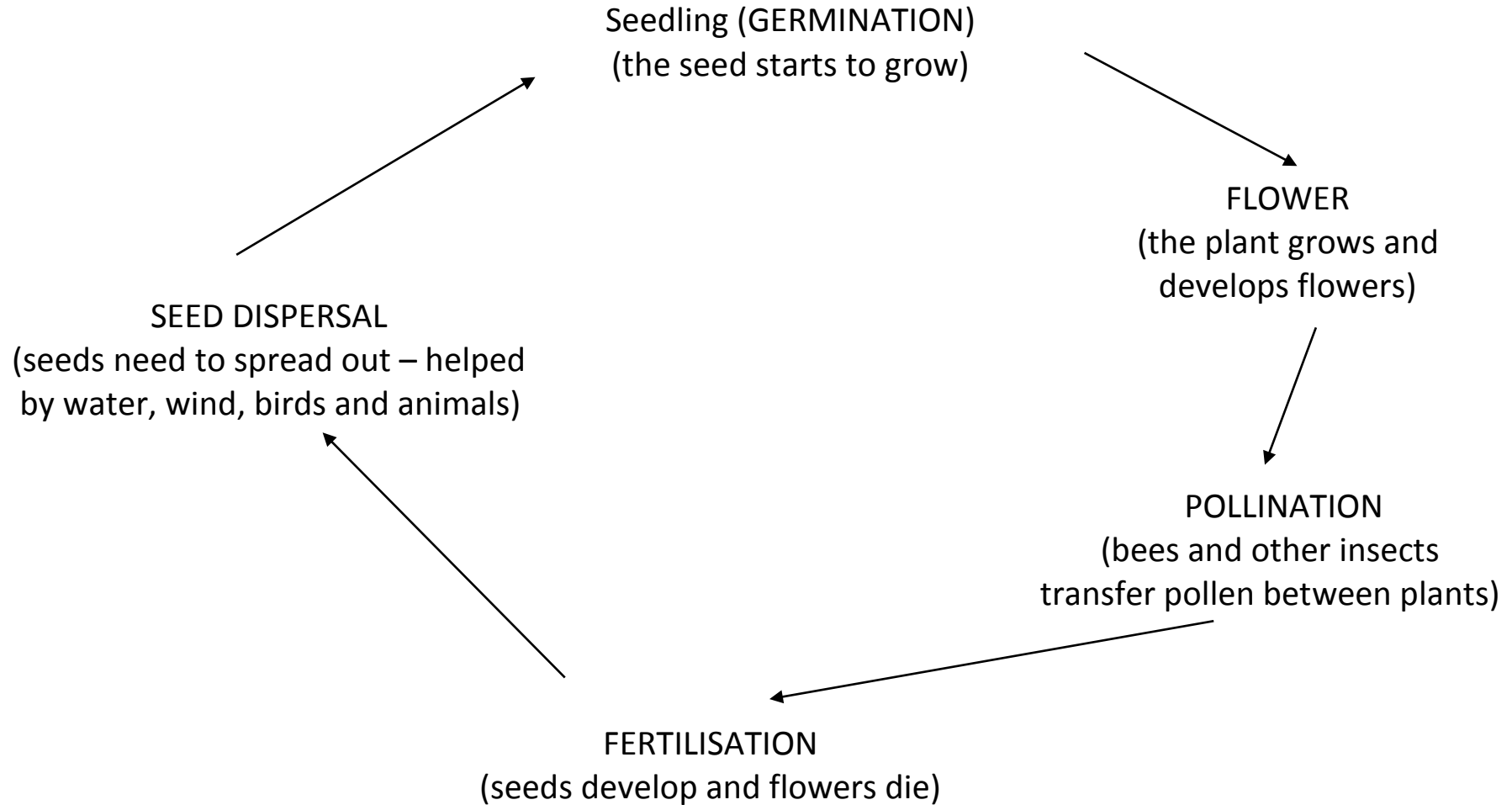


# Life cycle of a flowering plant



## Flowering plant life cycle

Reproduction is the process by which a plant produces seeds to make a new plant.



## Guidance for flower dissection

*Note - please check for any pollen allergies before doing this.*

**YOU MUST** *ask an adult before doing this - it would be a good idea to do it with the adult.*

### **Equipment:**

- Flower
- Tweezers
- Knife
- Plain A4 paper
- Double sided tape

### **Choice of flower:**

Winter - snowdrop, winter jasmine

Spring to early summer - peony, perennial geranium, gladiolus, wallflower

Summer and autumn - lily, sweet pea

*(Flowers to avoid due to more unusual or hidden structures: daisy, dandelion, buttercup, daffodil, poppy, rhododendron)*



### **Dissection instructions:**

1. Secure the flower stalk with sticky tack or Plasticine and explore the flower with a magnifying glass
2. Start at the base, and remove the sepals (using fingers or tweezers) and place on your piece of paper
3. Remove the petals, and try to identify your plant as either a monocot or a dicot. Monocotyledons have petals in multiples of three and the leaf veins are parallel, while dicotyledons have petals in multiples of four or five and the leaf veins are branching
4. Next remove the stamens, and examine the pollen using the magnifying glass and note its shape
5. Now remove the carpels or pistil and cut it in half lengthwise, (be careful to keep your fingers out of the way) and use your magnifying glass to examine the inside of it. You should be able to identify the style and might be able to see tiny eggs, or ovules, in the pistil's ovary
6. Arrange the flower structures on double sided sticky tape, on the piece of paper, either in the form of an 'exploding' flower, or arranged in lines or 'clumps'
7. Once completed, label each part and cover the dissected flower with sticky backed plastic to protect it

### **Virtual Dissection**

You can also dissect flowers online:

Simple: Lifecycles, BBC: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/life\\_cycles/play/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/life_cycles/play/)

Complex: Interactive virtual plant dissection lab, Chinese University of Hong Kong:

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/bio/IVPDL/>



## Guidance for botanical illustration (using watercolour pencils)

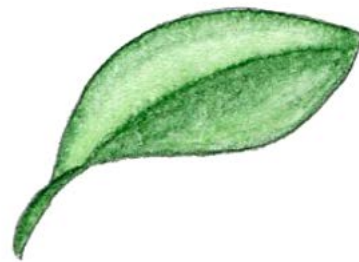
### Equipment

Watercolour pencils  
Water  
Paintbrushes  
High quality drawing/painting paper

Use the ***continual tone method*** to colour, pressing harder for deeper tone and lighter for lighter tone. Use different colour pencils to create colour layering.

Soak your brush in water and swipe over the pencil colour to turn the pencil to watercolour.

***Continual tone method*** is where you rub the pencil along the paper. You should complete a light pencil sketch first and then add in the tone afterwards. When moving the pencil to make the tone, make the movement from your elbow rather than just your hand as this will produce a more even tone. The type of paper you use will also affect the tone.



EXAMPLE OF WATERCOLOUR PENCIL

Guidance from:

[http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/CMSPages/GetAzureFile.aspx%5C?path=/aucklandmuseum/media/main/visit\\_us/w\\_hats\\_on/exhibitions/2009\\_exhibitions/wonderland/education/wonderland\\_botanical\\_illustration\\_guide\(2\).pdf](http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/CMSPages/GetAzureFile.aspx%5C?path=/aucklandmuseum/media/main/visit_us/w_hats_on/exhibitions/2009_exhibitions/wonderland/education/wonderland_botanical_illustration_guide(2).pdf)

### **Further links for botanical illustration examples**

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/departments-and-staff/library-and-archives/collections/women-artists.html>

<http://www.botanicalartandartists.com/scientific-botanical-illustration.html>

<http://www.botanicalartandartists.com/permanent-collections-uk.html>

<http://www.botanicalartandartists.com/rhs-botanical-art-exhibitions.html>

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/the-art-of-scientific-illustration.html>

<http://www.rhsprints.co.uk/category/8558/botanical-plates>