

How Do You Grow a Flower?

Wildflowers of Illinois can be found in all major habitats in almost all seasons. By using resources like books, encyclopedias, wild flower guides and the Internet, have students research a wildflower native to Illinois. Suggestions include: purple coneflower, Virginia blue bells, blue flag iris etc. Make to include flowers from each of the major habitats of Illinois: forests, prairies and wetlands. Have students create a seed packet for their wild flower. The front of the packet should have a drawing of the flower, the common and scientific name. The back of the packet should include the wildflower name, the habitat it grows in, the amount of water it needs, the amount of sun it needs, when it needs to be planted and when the flowers will appear.

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