

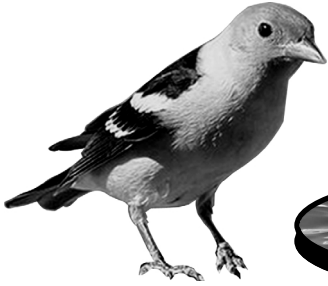
XERIC GARDEN CLUB *of* ALBUQUERQUE

Activities for Kids

EXPLORING THE HABITAT GARDEN

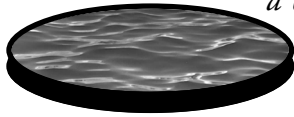
The Xeric Garden Club's wildlife habitat garden meets 4 requirements by the National Wildlife Federation to receive certification. These are food, water, shelter and places to raise young. It is not difficult to create a certified habitat in one's own garden and the reward for humans and animals is priceless.

Go to www.nwf.org to learn more!



Find the 3 Bird Baths

*You can easily make
a bird bath
in your
own yard.*



Find the 2 Lizard Hills

*Hint - One is hidden along the side
of the streambed.*



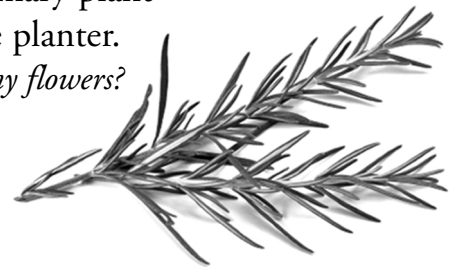
Use Your Detective Skills

Can you find the yarrow plant?
How would you describe the leaves?



Find the sunflower plants.
Do they have leaves?

Find the rosemary plant
located in the planter.
Does it have any flowers?



2 Habitat Trees

Rub the tree bark of the redbud.
Is it smooth or rough? Smell the bark.

Look thru the branches of the redbud tree.
Do you see the sky? the clouds? any birds?

Rub the bark of the Chinese pistache.
(by the bench).
Is it smooth or rough? Smell the bark.
Do the 2 trees smell different?

Look thru the branches of the Chinese pistache.
*Do the branches grow differently than
the redbud tree?*



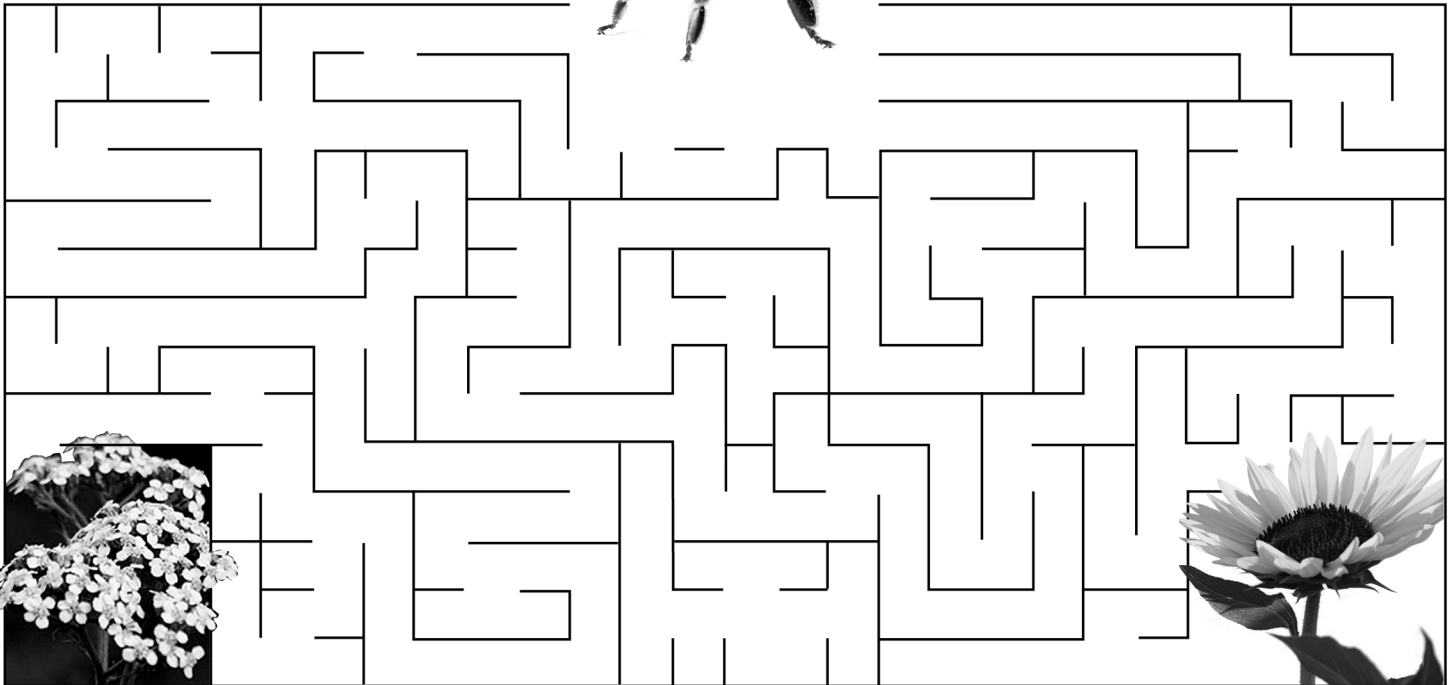
Activities to do at Home

Make a bird bath.
Any shallow dish can be used; pie tin, plant saucer, or garbage can lid. Place in an open area so predators, like cats, cannot surprise the birds. Place a rock in the center for birds to perch on. Fill it with fresh water. It may take a while for the birds to find and use your birdbath. But once they do, they will love it.

Make a leaf rubbing.
The best leaves are ones with prominent veins. Bend the leaf to make sure it isn't too dry and doesn't crack. Place the leaf on a flat surface with the veins facing up. Cover the leaf with a sheet of white paper where you'd like the rubbing to show up. Rub over the leaf with the side of a crayon.

Make a lizard hill.
Pick a sunny place in your yard. Use old concrete pieces, bricks or stones and stack them so there are plenty of cracks and holes.

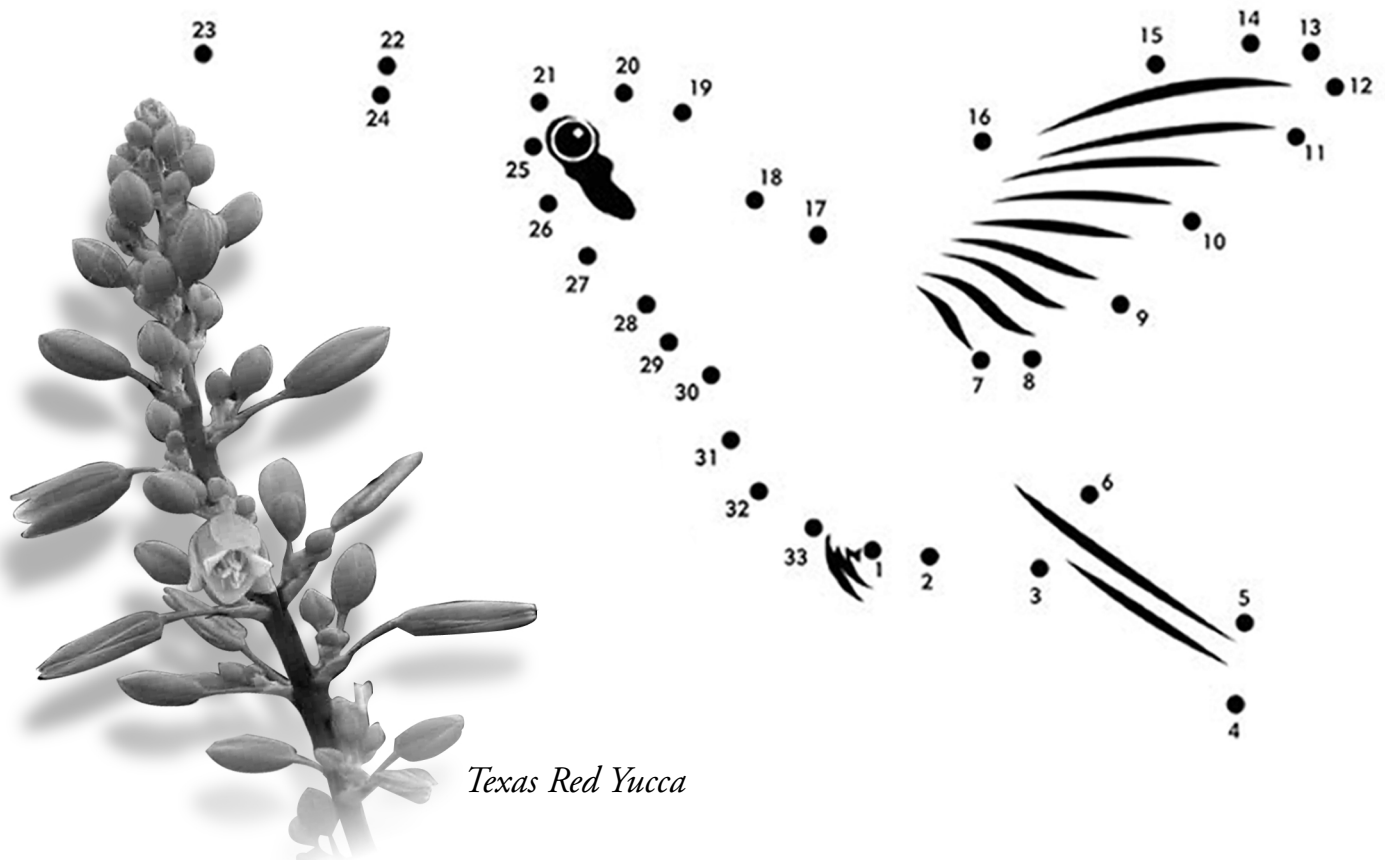
Which plant will the bee pollinate first? You choose!



White Yarrow

Sunflower

Connect the dots to discover the pollinator!



Texas Red Yucca