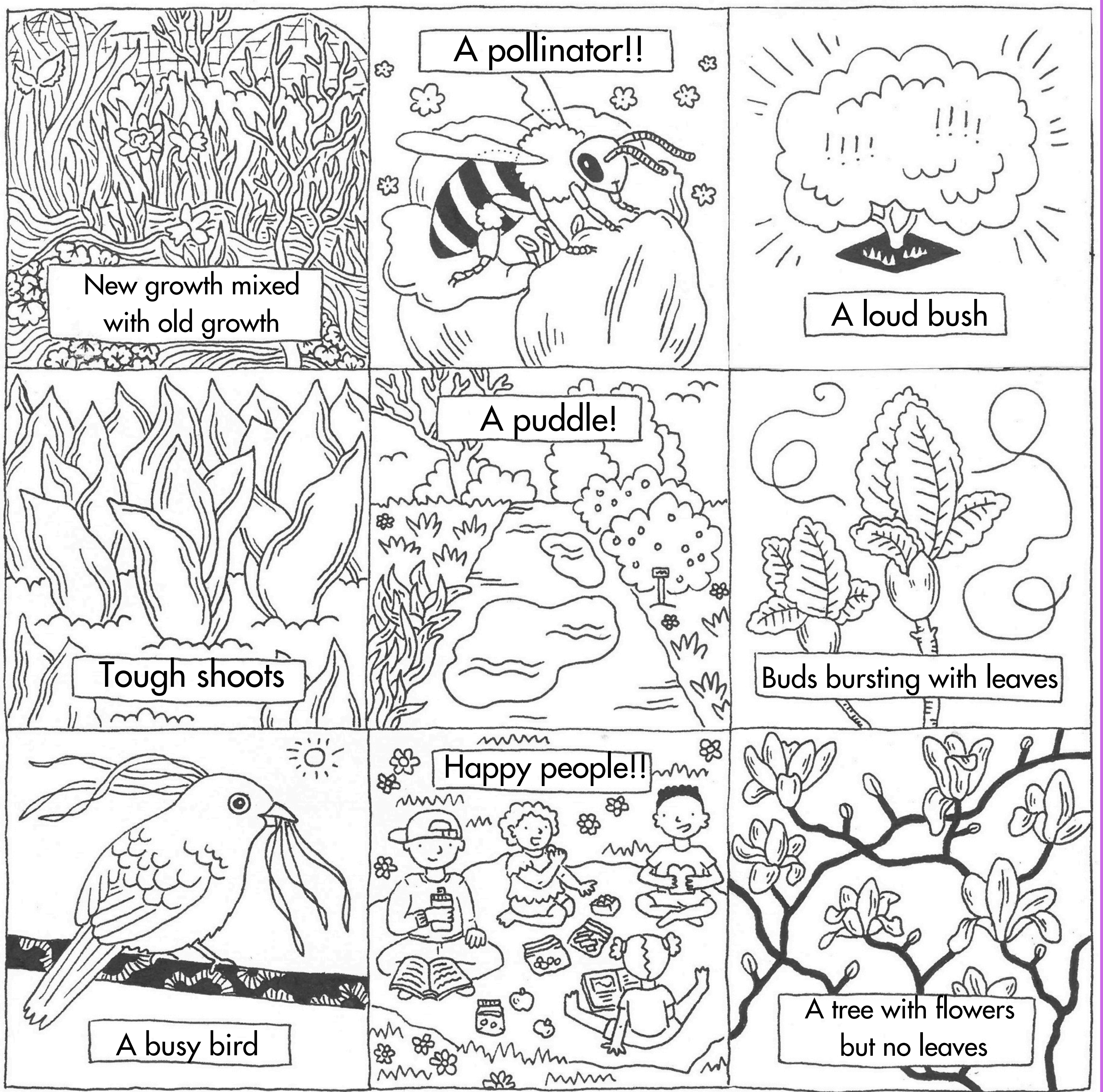


Springtime Scavenger Hunt!



Spring is a wonderful time to explore outside! Here are a few signs of the season to keep an eye out for.



If you come across an animal, please respect its personal space. Remember- the animals that live at and visit the Conservatory grounds are wild animals, not pets.

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Scavenger Hunt Key

Here's more information about your springtime discoveries!

New growth mixed with old growth

Many animals use old, dead plant matter as shelter during the winter, so be sure to wait to clear it out until it's really warm!

A Pollinator

The Conservatory's honey bees are already up and about exploring new blooms! They spent all winter awake in their hive, eating honey and cuddling to stay warm.

A loud bush

Birds love to gather in bushes that don't lose their leaves. They might go silent as you get closer!

Tough shoots

These leaves are from underground bulbs! They save up energy from the previous year to help them get a head start on spring.

A puddle

Both spring and winter are getting warmer and wetter in Illinois. This is part of climate change. This change is bad news for some organisms, but great news for others, like kids with rainboots!

Buds bursting with leaves

Tough bud scales keep undeveloped leaves protected all winter, until it is warm enough to open and explode into growth!

Busy birds

In the spring, many birds are searching for materials to make nests! Natural fibers, like grass and hair, keep baby birds warm and safe.

Happy people

We love to enjoy the outdoors without freezing :]

A tree with flowers but no leaves

Trees that bloom before leafing out are called "precocious". This is the same word we use to describe kids who learn to read extra early!