

Nature Among Us: Plants

Use your scientific skills to research plants around Fort Collins! All you need is a camera, a pen or pencil, and a love for exploration to be a plant researcher. Below is a table to check off different plant sightings around Fort Collins. Try to find as many as you can! You can print this table or simply use it as an online guide. When you finish, share a picture of your table and pictures from your natural place adventures on our social media pages listed below!



Photo Credit: <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/footbills-11-14-17>

Here are some recommendations for natural places to look for plants:

- Maxwell Natural Area
- Soapstone Prairie
- Coyote Ridge Natural Area
- Reservoir Ridge Natural Areas
- Lory State Park
- Check out <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/> for more natural places to explore!

Before completing this worksheet, we welcome you to fill out a quick survey so we can learn more about your interests and how we can better adapt future programs!

http://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BOfI6ZHksoA1PD

Instructions:

Put a check by every plant you find! Or fill out your own plant discovery at the bottom of the table. You can also document your discoveries on a piece of paper.

<h3>Grasses</h3> <small>Photo Credit: https://whatgrowingsincolorado.blogspot.com/2017/07/the-grass-of-field.html</small>	<h3>Trees</h3> <small>Photo Credit: https://fsc.colostate.edu/colorado-trees/colorado-major-tree-species/#1466627668024-cc01883-4128</small>	<h3>Flowers</h3> <small>Photo Credit: https://www.americanoutwest.net/</small>
<h4>Smooth Brome Grass</h4> 	<h4>Blue Spruce</h4> 	<h4>Common Cattail</h4> 
<h4>Indian Ricegrass</h4> 	<h4>Cottonwood</h4> 	<h4>Easter Daisy</h4> 
<h4>Horsetail Reeds</h4>  <small>Photo Credit: https://www.our-mountain-views.com/2016/05/21/2016-05-21-944.html</small>	<h4>Quaking Aspen</h4> 	<h4>Narrowleaf Penstemon</h4> 
<p>New Discovery:</p>	<p>New Discovery:</p>	<p>New Discovery:</p>
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If you need help identifying plants, please contact Bella Harris at bharris@fcmof.org

Please take about a week to fill out this worksheet. When you have completed as much of the table as possible, please take a photo of it! Be sure to photograph your exploration throughout natural places in Fort Collins, too!

You can upload your photos and share your adventures on the museum's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FOCOMOD/>. When creating your Nature Among Us post, please include a photo of your plants chart/list, photos of the natural places you visited, and a short description of where you went, what you saw, and how many times you explored. And don't forget to use the hashtag #NatureAmongUs! You can also email your research results to Bella Harris at bharris@fcmmod.org.

Each week, we'll highlight the work you have done!

Stay tuned for next week's Daily Discovery, where we will explore our buzzing, flying neighbors in Nature Among Us: Pollinators.