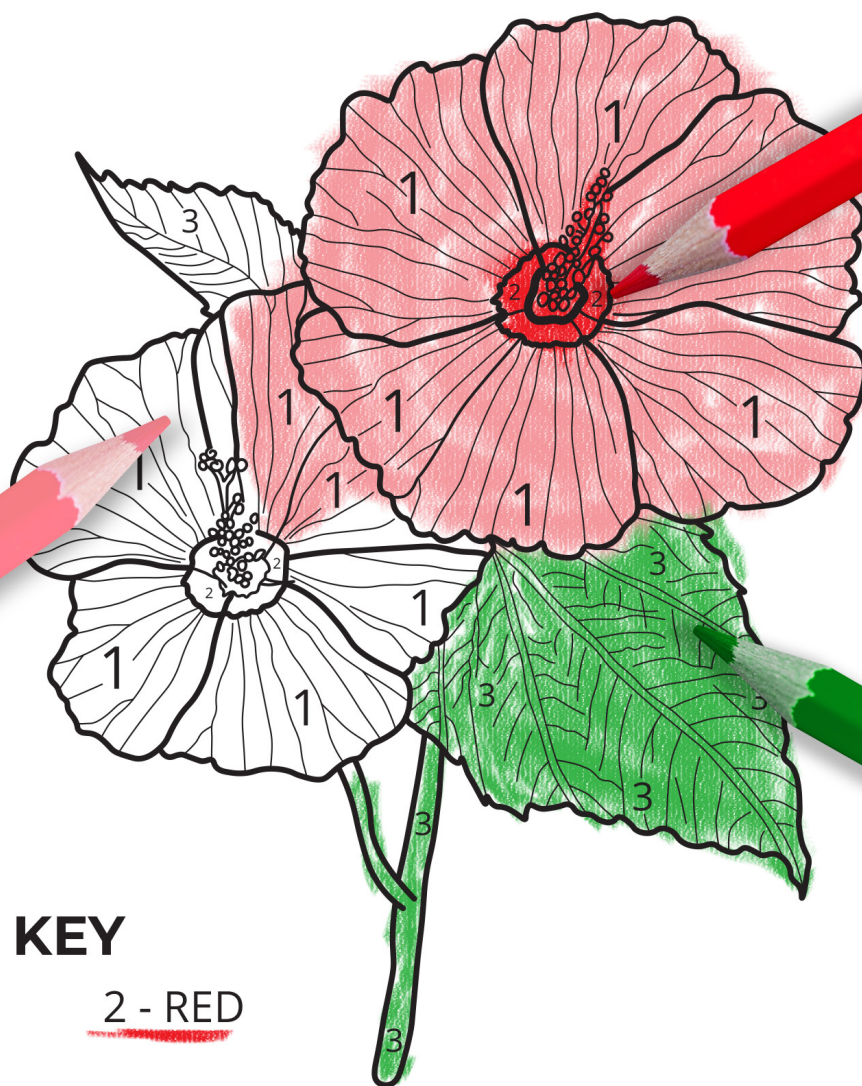


Ohio's Summer Wildflower

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COLOR KEY

1 - PINK

3 - GREEN

2 - RED



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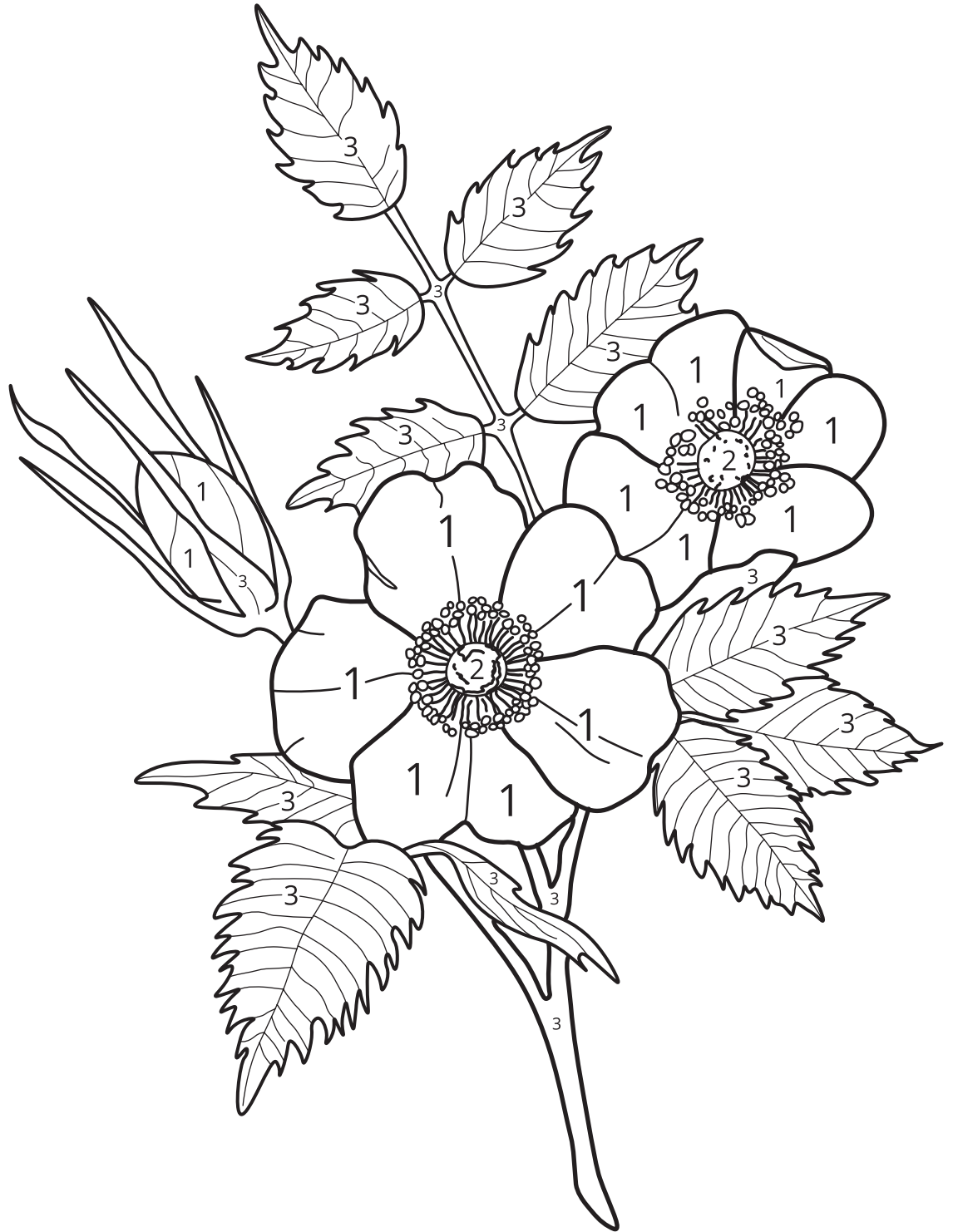
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Pasture Rose

(Rosa caroliniana)

FLOWER FACTS

Pasture rose is a prickly plant that grows in sunny, open areas like prairies. Its prickles help prevent animals like deer and rabbits from eating it. The pink flowers have five petals and smell very nice. Many animals like to eat the fruit, which helps to spread its seeds.

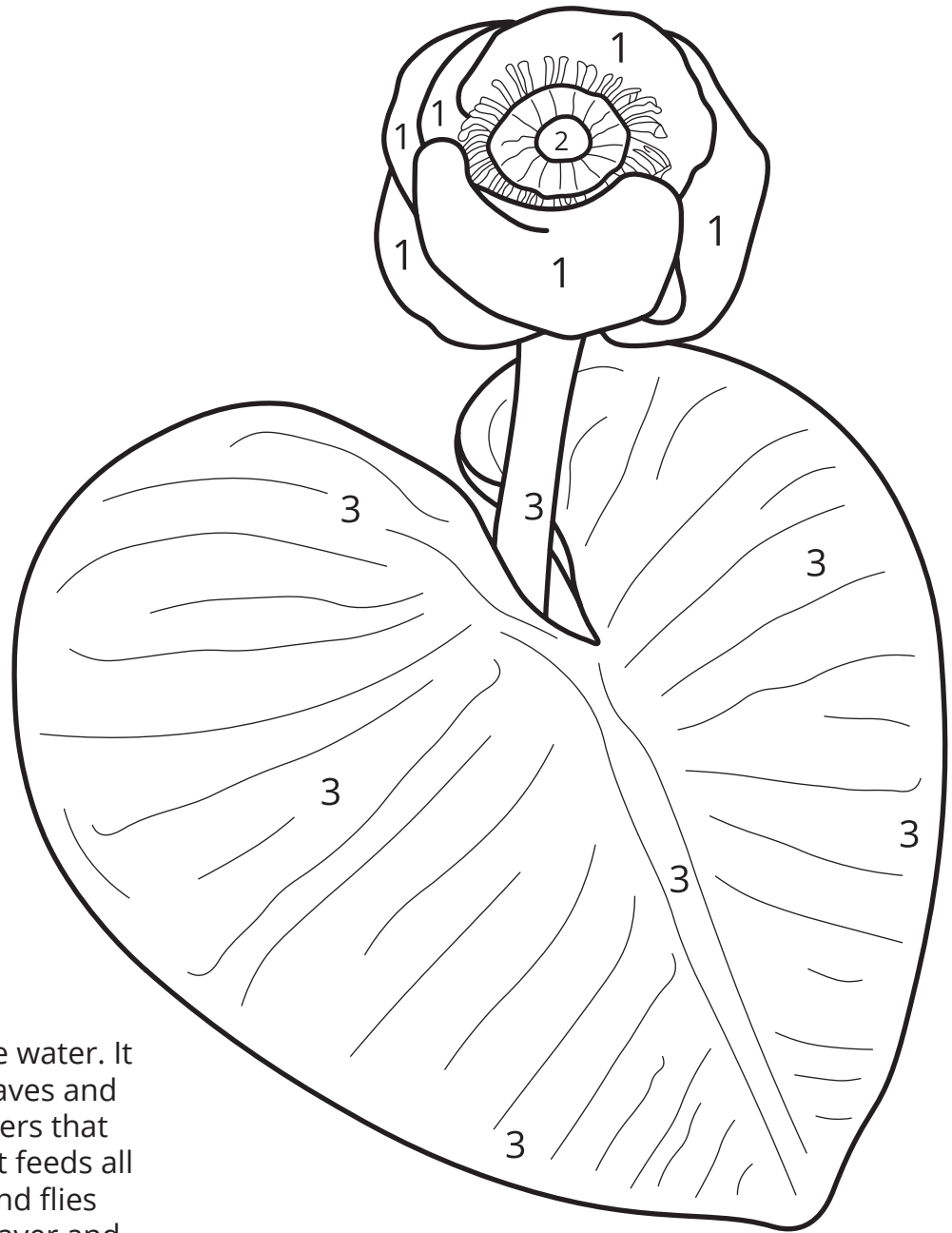


COLOR KEY

1 - PINK 2 - YELLOW
3 - GREEN

Spatterdock

(*Nuphar advena*)



FLOWER FACTS

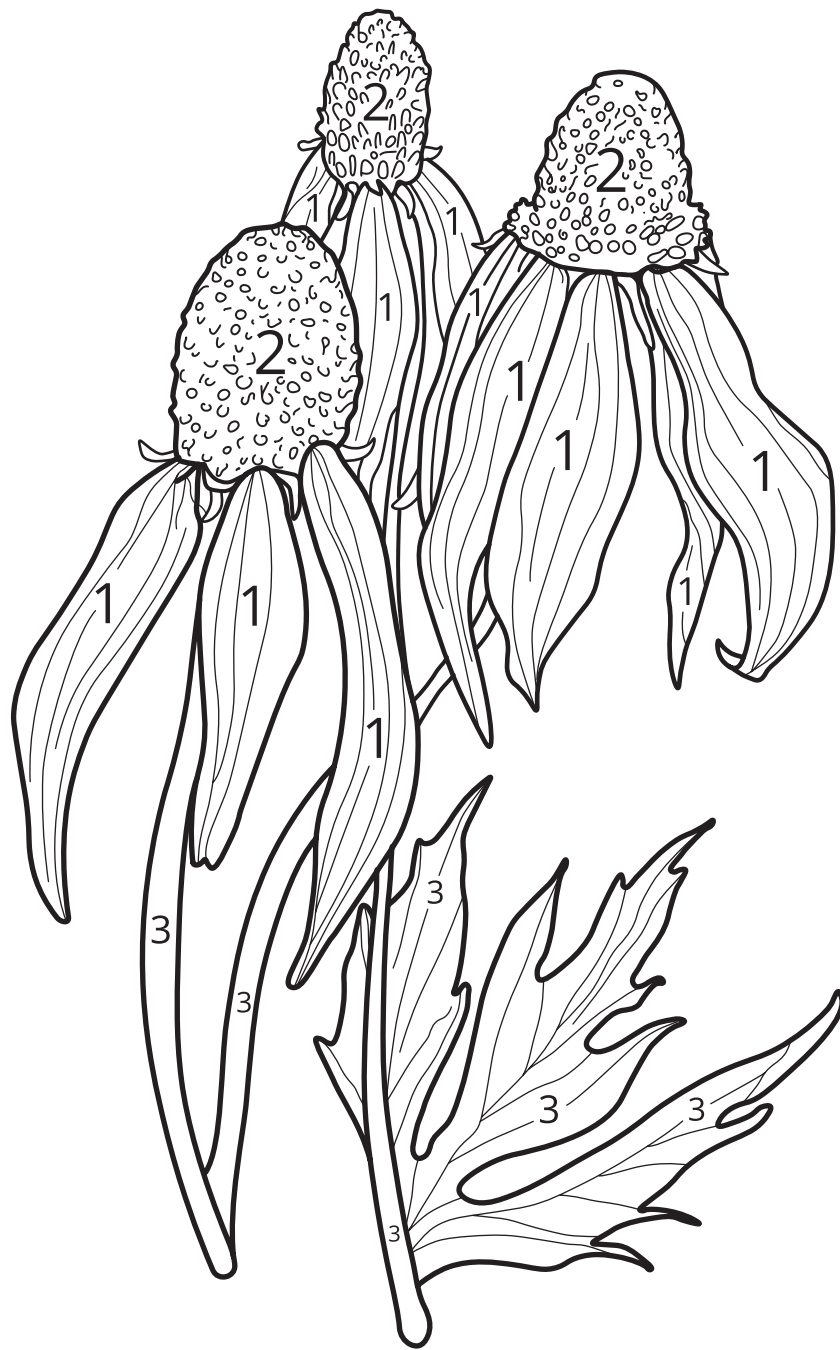
Spatterdock grows in the water. It has large, lily pad-like leaves and yellow, golf ball-like flowers that appear in the summer. It feeds all kinds of animals: bees and flies pollinate the flowers, beaver and muskrats eat the roots, and ducks and turtles eat the seeds.

COLOR KEY

1 - YELLOW 2 - ORANGE
3 - GREEN

Gray-headed coneflower

(Ratibida pinnata)



FLOWER FACTS

Gray-headed coneflower is a tall plant that has yellow flowers with dangling petals. It grows in open, sunny spots like prairies. It is pollinated by a variety of insects, especially bees. Groundhogs often eat the leaves and stems.

COLOR KEY

1 - YELLOW 2 - BROWN
3 - GREEN

Prairie Dock

(Silphium terebinthinaceum)

FLOWER FACTS

Prairie dock is one of our tallest native wildflowers. It has yellow, sunflower-like blossoms on stems that can grow to be taller than a school bus! Its big leaves feel like sandpaper when you touch them. It grows in open, sunny spots like prairies and attracts pollinators like bees, butterflies, and even Ruby-throated hummingbirds.

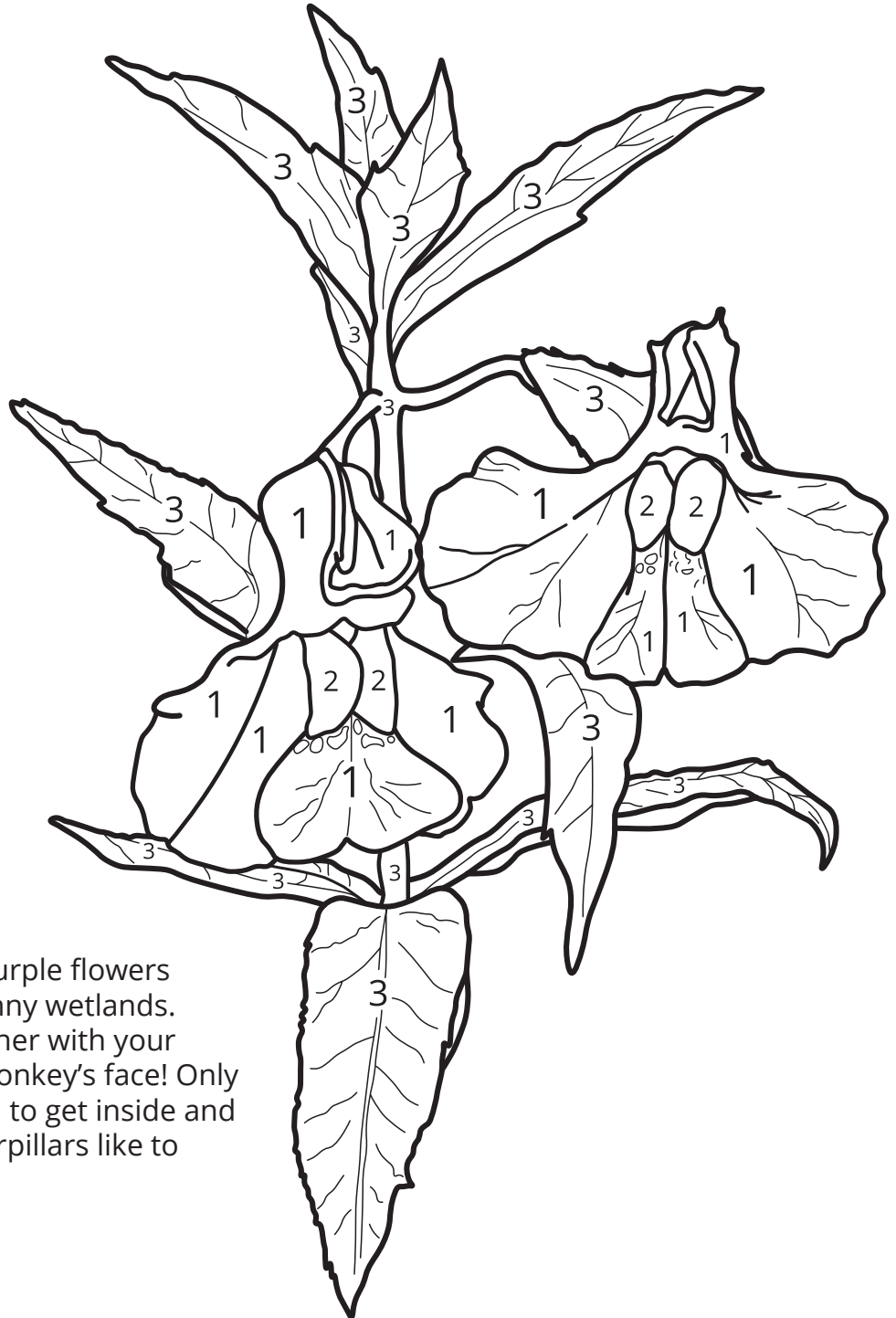


COLOR KEY

1 - GREEN 2 - LIGHT GREEN
3 - YELLOW

Common Monkey Flower

(Mimulus ringens)



FLOWER FACTS

Common monkey flower has purple flowers on long stems and grows in sunny wetlands. If you squeeze the flower together with your fingers, it's said to look like a monkey's face! Only bumblebees are strong enough to get inside and pollinate the flower. Some caterpillars like to munch on its leaves.

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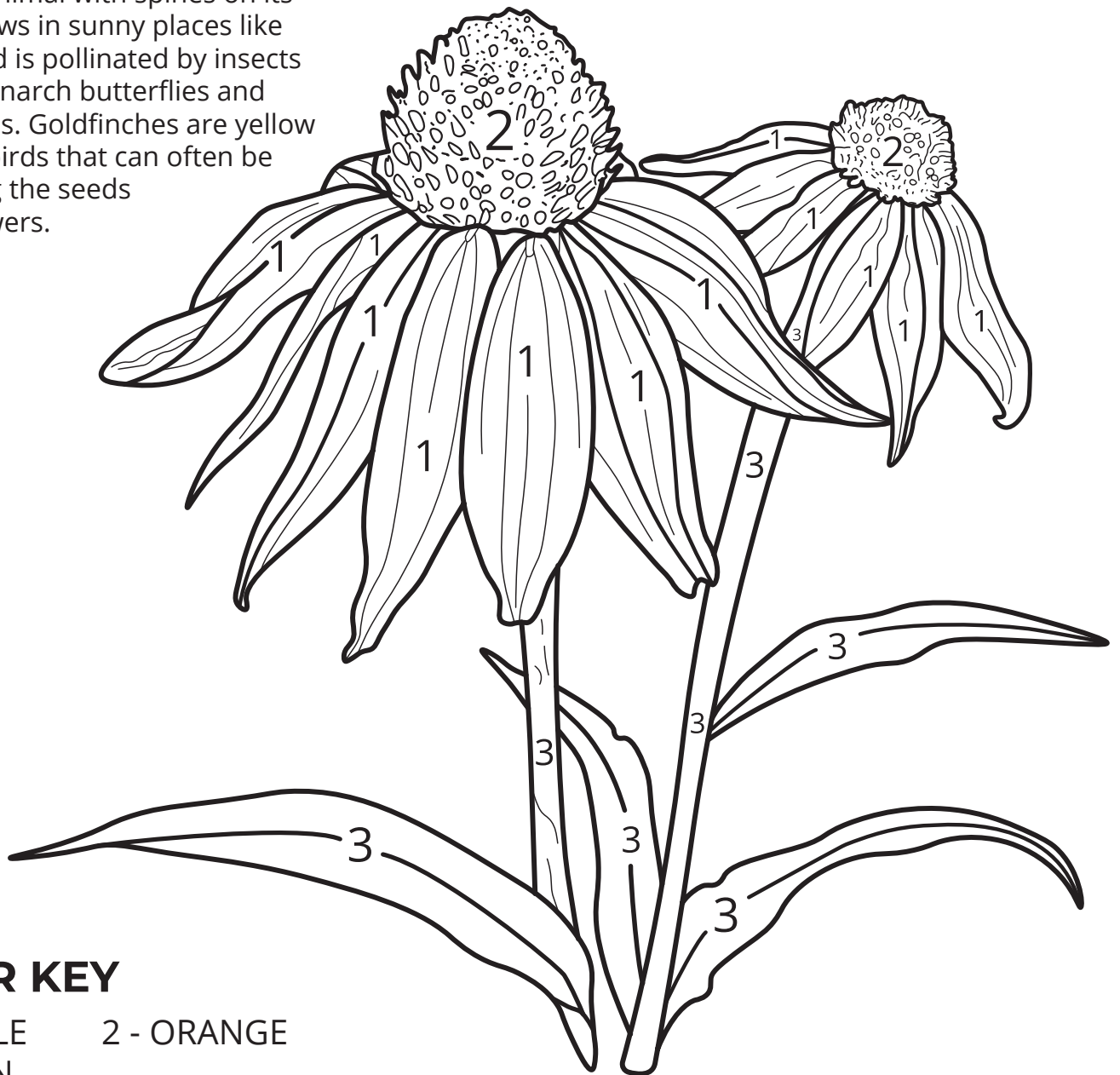
1 - PURPLE 2 - YELLOW
3 - GREEN

Purple Coneflower

(*Echinacea purpurea*)

FLOWER FACTS

Purple coneflower is a plant that gets its name from its cone-shaped flower with purple petals. It is sometimes called hedgehog coneflower, because the orange center looks like a hedgehog, which is a small animal with spines on its back. It grows in sunny places like prairies and is pollinated by insects such as monarch butterflies and bumblebees. Goldfinches are yellow and black birds that can often be seen eating the seeds of coneflowers.

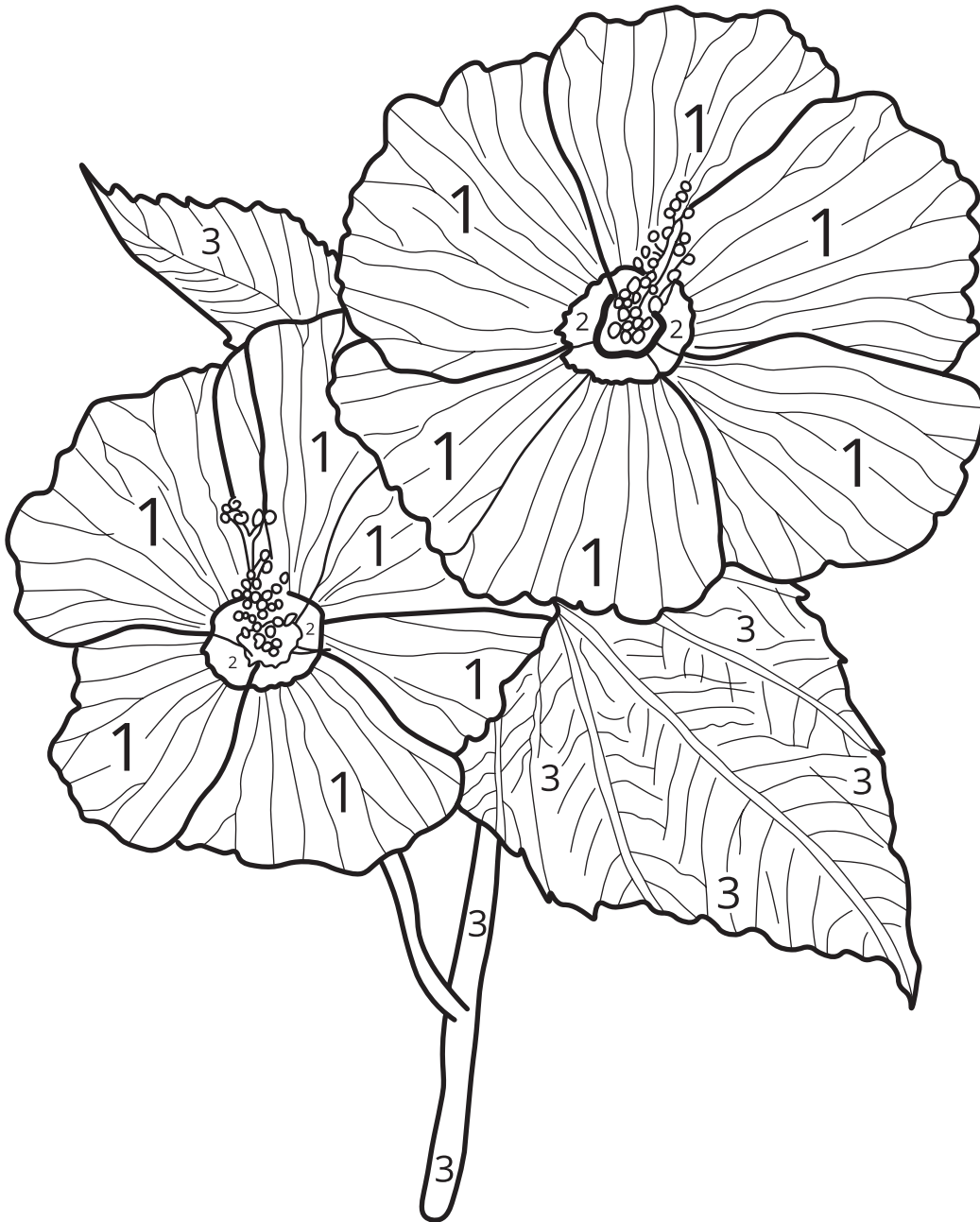


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Swamp Rose-Mallow

(Hibiscus moschetos)



FLOWER FACTS

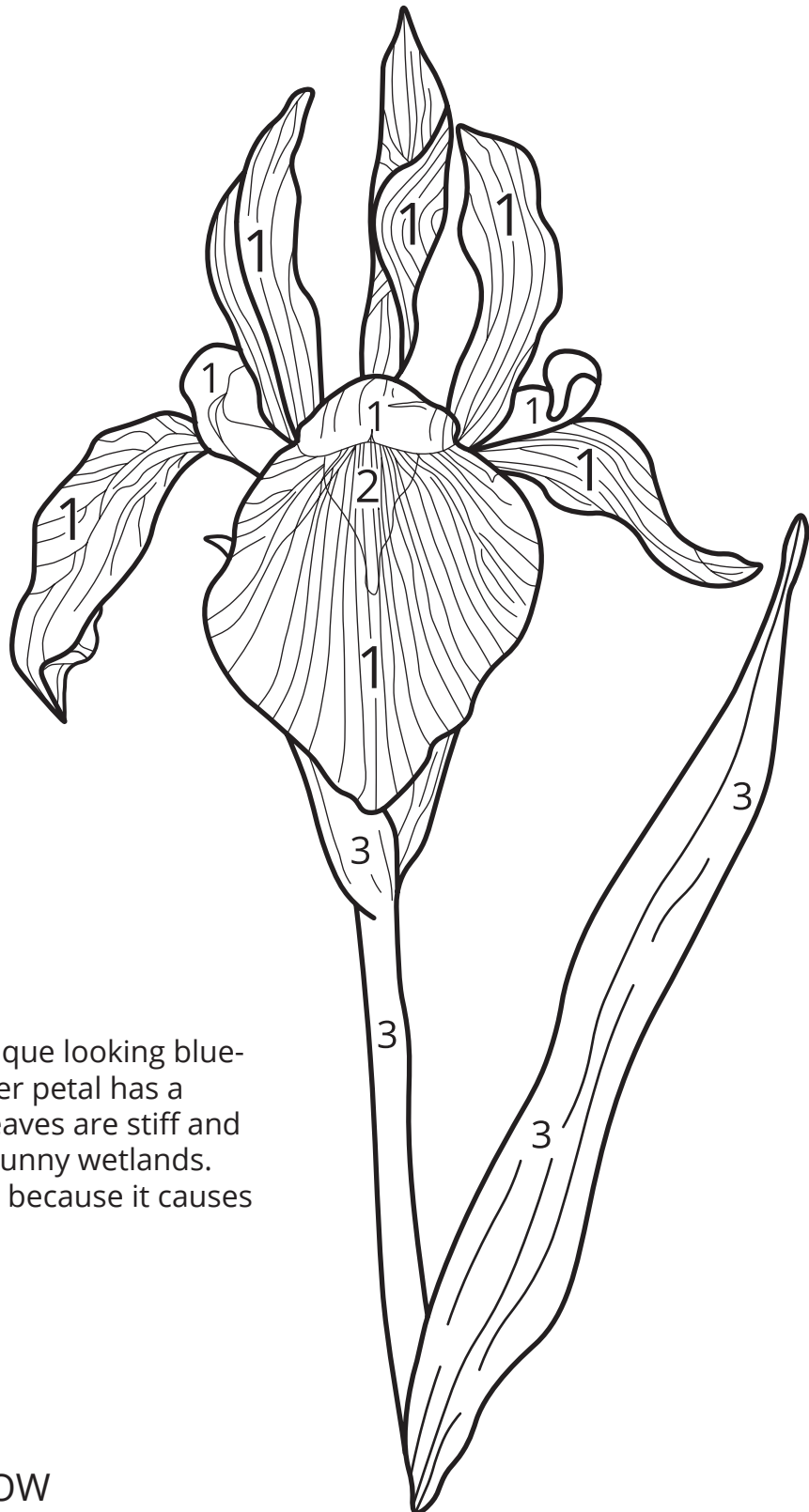
Swamp rose-mallow is a beautiful wildflower. It has large, five-petaled flowers that can be pink or white and are as large as your hand! It grows in sunny wetlands and sometimes forms large colonies with hundreds of flowers.

COLOR KEY

1 - PINK 2 - RED
3 - GREEN

Southern Blue Flag Iris

(*Iris virginicus* var. *shrevei*)



FLOWER FACTS

Blue flag iris has large and unique looking blue-purple flowers, and each flower petal has a bright yellow spot on it. The leaves are stiff and look like a sword. It grows in sunny wetlands. Mammals don't eat the leaves because it causes stomach aches.

COLOR KEY

1 - BLUE 2 - YELLOW
3 - GREEN

Obedient Plant

(*Physostegia virginiana*)



FLOWER FACTS

Obedient plant grows in prairies and has tall stems covered in pink, tube-shaped flowers. A plant can't really be obedient, but it gets its name because you can push a flower side to side, and it will stay where you put it! It's also called false dragonhead because the flowers look like a dragon's mouth.

COLOR KEY

1 - PINK 2 - PURPLE
3 - GREEN

Cardinal Flower

(Lobelia cardinalis)

FLOWER FACTS

Cardinal flower has bright, red flowers, and it gets its name from the male Cardinal bird, which is also bright red. As Ruby-throated hummingbirds search the flowers for nectar, they get pollen on them, and then help pollinate the plants as they move from flower to flower. It grows in sunny, wet areas.



COLOR KEY

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|----------|--------------|
| 1 - RED | 2 - DARK RED |
| 3 - PINK | 4 - GREEN |

Word Search



Find the following words in the puzzle.

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BEES

BIRDS

BLOOM

BUTTERFLY

CONEFLOWER

INSECTS

LEAVES

MEADOW

MONARCH

ORANGE

PETALS

POLLINATORS

PRAIRIES

PURPLE

ROOTS

SEEDS

STEM

SUMMER

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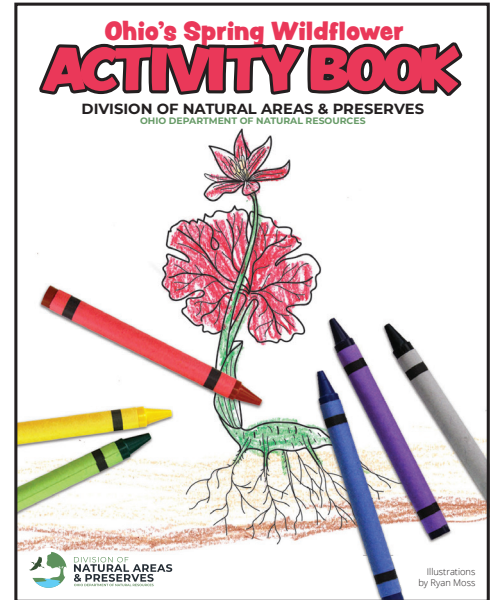
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