



ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING PROGRAMS CELEBRATE WILDFLOWERS

#14 STATE FLOWERS

CONTENT	The state flowers of each of the 50 United States.
GRADE LEVEL	K-6.
OBJECTIVES	Become acquainted with the state flowers of the 50 United States.
PROCESS AND RESEARCH SKILLS	Observation, comprehension, research.
PRODUCT	List of 50 state flowers.
SUGGESTED LOCATION	In the classroom or school library.
TIME REQUIRED	30 minutes to one hour.
MATERIALS	Paper and pencil, crayons, state flower chart, black and white drawings of state flowers of Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho (the states of the Intermountain Region.) For Utah, article, "The Segoe Lily" by MMMM. Teachers in Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho may be able to locate similar resources in their states.
ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pass each student a State Flowers Chart (original provided.)2. Each state has selected a flower that it thinks is special or historically significant. Most state flowers were designated by state legislation and are protected by those laws.3. Students have had a part in selecting the state flower in their states. The first state flower was suggested by school children in New York state in 1891. Check the State Flower chart to see what the state flower of New York is (rose.)



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ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION CONTINUED

4. Study the State Flower Chart carefully. What is the state flower of your state? Utah - Sego Lily. Nevada - sagebrush. Wyoming - Indian Paintbrush, Idaho - Syringa or Mock Orange Shrub.
5. Not all states selected a native wildflower for their state flower. New Hampshire for example chose the Lilac for their state flower. Is your state's flower a native wildflower? Utah - yes. Nevada - yes. Wyoming - yes. Idaho - yes.
6. Complete research to discover how and why your state's flower was selected. Discuss.
7. Color the pictures of the state flowers of the Intermountain Region states (originals enclosed.)

EVALUATION

Develop a state flower "bee" or Jeopardy -like game to help students learn the state flowers.

EXTENSION 1

Have each student select the state flower of one of the other states to research and share findings with the class.

EXTENSION 2

Vote on a school flower. Write a short paragraph about which one you selected and why.

EXTENSION 3

Write a letter to the governor of your state telling him what you think of your state's choice of a state flower.





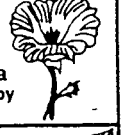

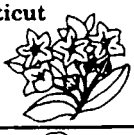
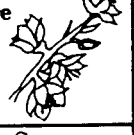



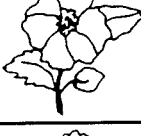









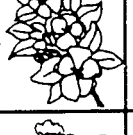
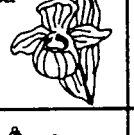
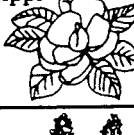



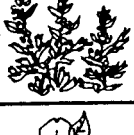




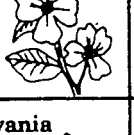

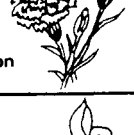

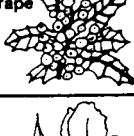

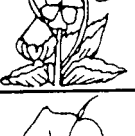
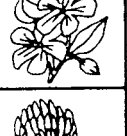






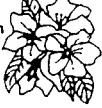



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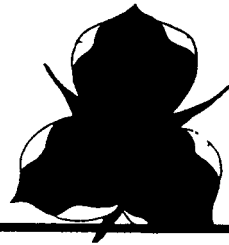
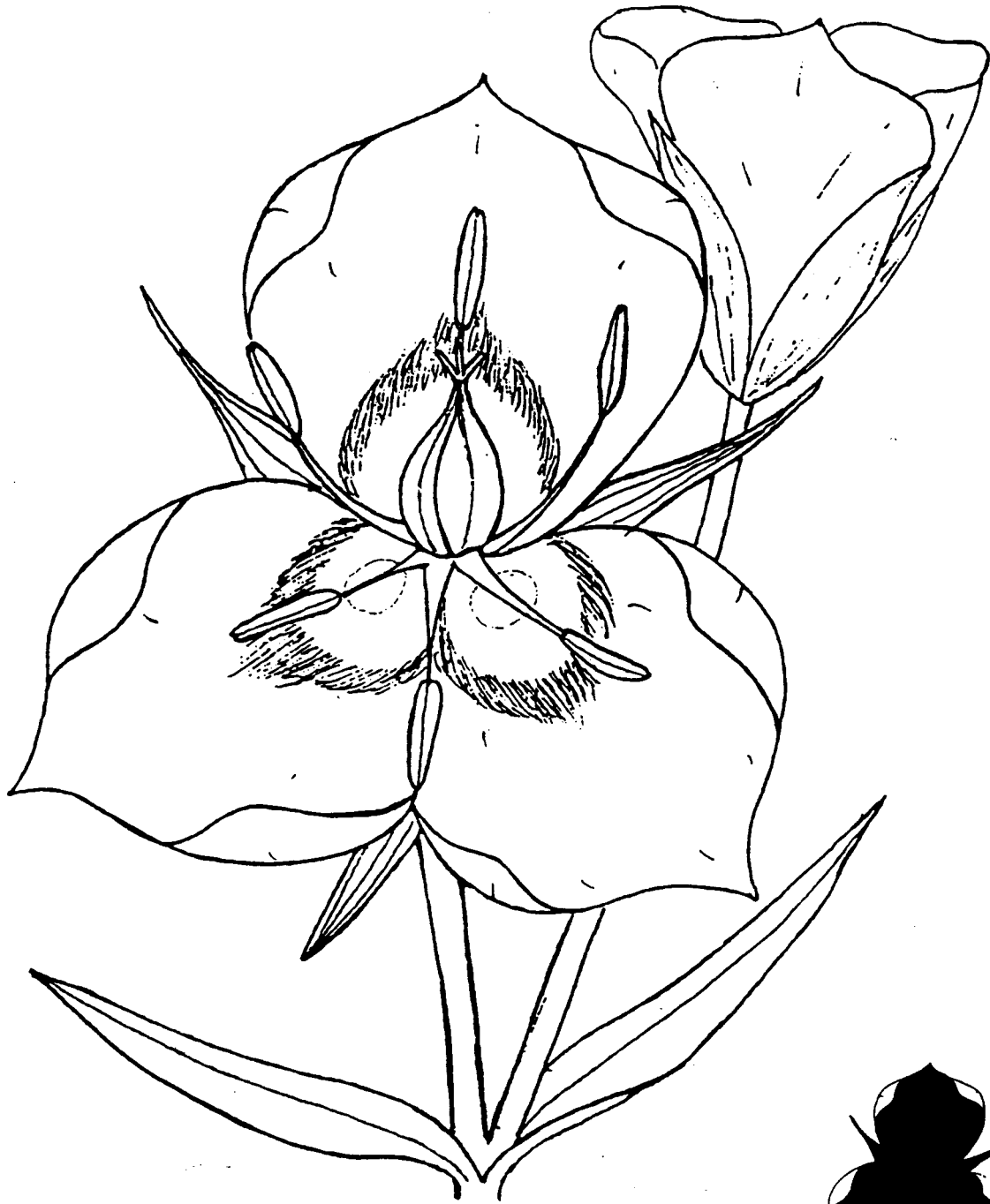
If your state's flower is a native wildflower, find out where its native habitat and blooming period are. Plan a field trip to see your state's flower in bloom.



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<h1>State Flowers</h1>		Where does your state flower grow? Look and see! Does it grow as a flower, shrub or tree?		
Alabama Carnelia Shrub 	Alaska Forget- Me-Not Flower 	Arizona Saguaro Cactus Tree 	Arkansas Apple Blossom Tree 	California Golden Poppy Flower 
Colorado Rocky Mountain Columbine Flower 	Connecticut Mountain Laurel Shrub 	Delaware Peach Blossom Tree 	Florida Orange Blossom Tree 	Georgia Cherokee Rose Shrub 
Hawaii Hibiscus Shrub 	Idaho Mock Orange Shrub 	Illinois Native Violet Flower 	Indiana Peony Flower 	Iowa Wild Rose Shrub 
Kansas Native Sunflower Flower 	Kentucky Goldenrod Flower 	Louisiana Magnolia Tree 	Maine White Pine Cone and Tassel Tree 	Maryland Black-eyed Susan Flower 
Massachusetts Mayflower Flower 	Michigan Apple Blossom Tree 	Minnesota Pink and White Lady Slipper Flower 	Mississippi Magnolia Tree 	Missouri Hawthorn Tree 
Montana Bitterroot Flower 	Nebraska Goldenrod Flower 	Nevada Mountain Sagebrush Shrub 	New Hampshire Purple Lilac Shrub 	New Jersey Purple Violet Flower 
New Mexico Yucca Flower 	New York Rose Shrub 	North Carolina Dogwood Tree 	North Dakota Wild Prairie Rose Shrub 	Ohio Scarlet Carnation Flower 
Oklahoma Mistletoe Shrub 	Oregon Oregon Grape Shrub 	Pennsylvania Mountain Laurel Shrub 	Rhode Island Violet Flower 	South Carolina Yellow Jessamine Shrub 
South Dakota Pasque Flower Flower 	Tennessee Iris Flower 	Texas Bluebonnet Flower 	Utah Sego Lily Flower 	Vermont Red Clover Flower 
Virginia Dogwood Tree 	Washington Western Rhododendron Shrub 	West Virginia Rhododendron Shrub 	Wisconsin Wood Violet Flower 	Wyoming Indian Paintbrush Flower 



- 1 - green
- 2 - white
- 3 - purple
- 4 - yellow

SEGO LILY

(*Calochortus nuttallii*)

State Flower of Utah

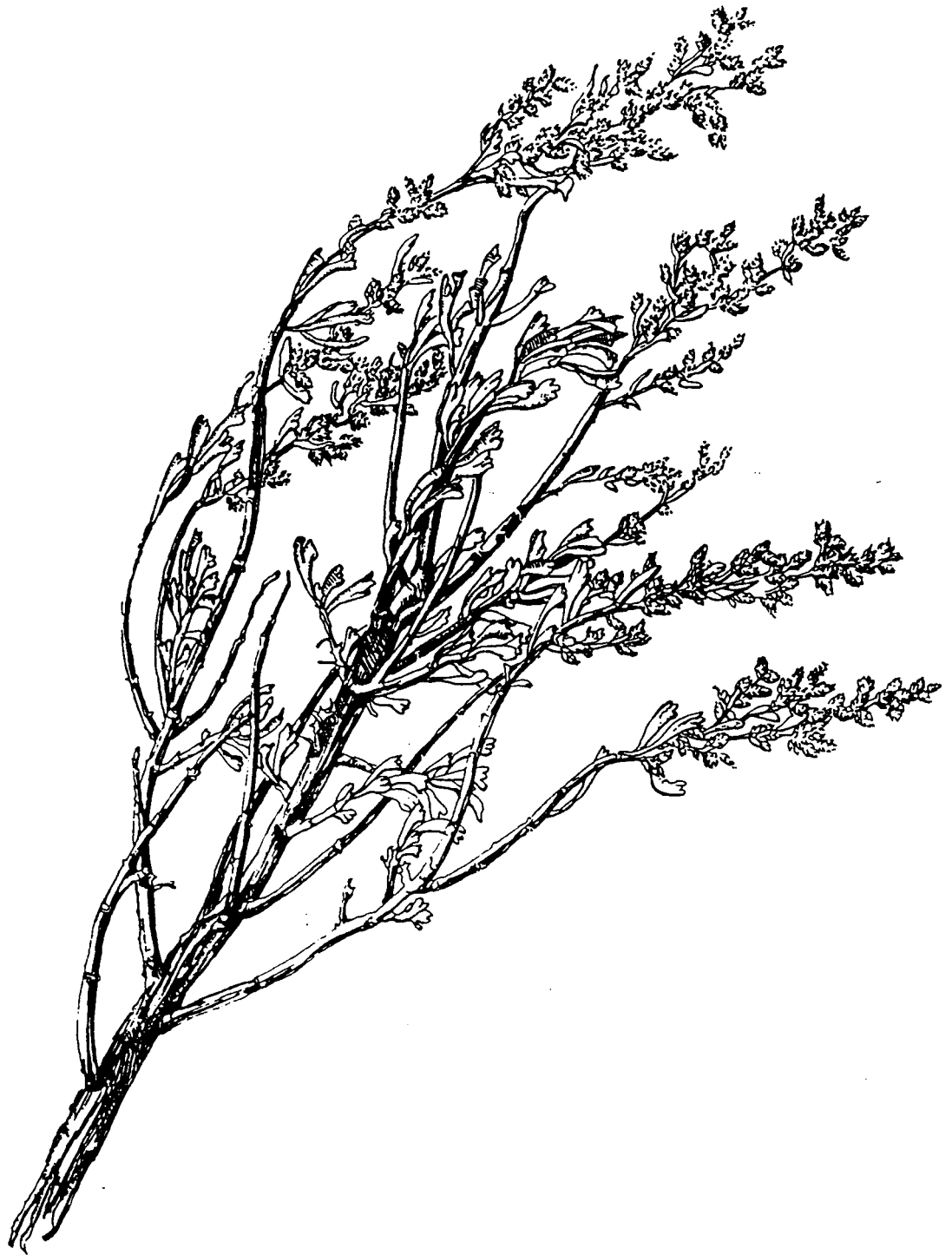


petals - white
stamen and centers - yellow
leaves - green
stems - brown

SYRINGA

(*Philadelphus lewisii*)

State Flower of Idaho



BIG SAGEBRUSH

(*Artemisia tridentata*)

State Flower of Nevada



flowers - yellow
leaves - green
stems - red

INDIAN PAINTBRUSH

(*Castilleja linariifolia*)

State Flower of Wyoming