

Grade 1 and 2 Self-Guided Activities

Welcome to the Toronto Botanical Garden. Today you are going to explore the flowers, trees and animals in and around our garden. Get ready to use all your senses to complete the following activities.

Materials Needed:

- Pencils
- Crayons without paper sleeve
- Blank sheet of paper
- Something hard to write on

Activity #1 – Flowers and Pollinators

(Activity to be completed in the gardens of the Toronto Botanical Garden)

For this activity you need to pick ONE flower and answer the following questions.

What colour(s) is your flower? (Circle one)

Red Purple Green Blue Grey Orange Yellow Pink White

Draw the different shapes you can find in your flower.



How does your flower smell? (Circle one)

Sweet Fresh Yummy Rotten Perfume No Smell

How does your flower feel? (Circle one)

Soft Prickly Rough Delicate Smooth Bumpy Not sure

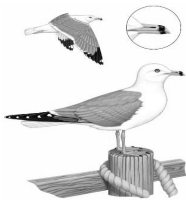
Draw a picture of your flower:



Activity #2 Scavenger Hunt

(Activity to be completed along Wiklet Creek)

Wiklet Creek runs through Edwards Garden, providing a home to many feathered creatures. Try to spot as many birds as you can as you walk along the creek. Check the box when you find a bird. Can you guess the name of the birds you find?



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____



Name: _____

Activity Three: Bark Rubbing

(Activity to be completed within the Ravine)

Bark is the skin of a tree – it has many layers and tissues. As the stem of a tree grows in width, the tissues lose their supply of nutrients and water. The tissues separate from the inner layer and become rough. Today you are going to make a print of tree bark.

For this activity you are going to get up close and personal with a tree. Choose a tree and have a friend hold your paper against the bark. Using the length of the crayon (not the tip), rub it back and forth until you have the image of the bark on your paper.

Answer the following questions:

How does the bark feel? _____

What does the bark remind you of? _____

Try to guess the name of the tree _____

Draw a picture of your whole tree:

