

## **Find Out More**

Blue jays are native to the eastern part of North America. They are highly adaptable and intelligent birds. While they mostly eat plants and other vegetation, blue jays are omnivores and have been known to eat other animals. An omnivore is an animal that eats both plants and meat. Blue jays are also seed spreaders. Sometimes, they will collect acorns and bury them for safe keeping, which if forgotten, have the potential to grow into new trees.

Dragonflies start out as larvae and live in water. When they are old enough, dragonflies crawl out of the water and their wings are released, which dry and harden over the next few hours. Once their wings have hardened, dragonflies can finally fly, something that they are very good at! Dragonflies can fly straight, up and down, and can even hover like a helicopter.

**Hydrangeas** are a type of shrub that grow beautiful flowers. They prefer to have only partial sun, meaning that they do not like to be out in the sun all day, and require a lot of water to grow. In fact, hydrangeas get their name from the Greek words hydor and angos, which translates to water barrel.

Pine cones and pine needles grow on evergreen trees, also known as conifers. Pine cones come in different shapes and sizes. They hold the seeds of the tree. Conifers are green year-round.

**Rose hips** are a type of fruit that can be found on rose plants. They form after the rose plant is pollinated in spring and summer and ripen in the fall. Rose hips are eaten by animals like birds, but can also be used to make things like tea, jams, and jellies.

Zebra grass is a type of ornamental grass, which means that it is typically planted for its attractive appearance. It is native to Japan and can grow up to 7 feet tall. The grass blades are variegated, meaning they are patterned with more than one color, and give the grass a striped look that resembles a zebra.

## Sketch your favorite place or thing in the garden

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