



CELEBRATE WILDFLOWERS

#2 WILDFLOWER CONSERVATION

WILDFLOWER COLLECTION GUIDELINES

1. Set an example of being respectful of all living things.
2. Let all your acts reflect your respect for wildflowers as important parts of natural landscapes. Remember that every time you pick or trample a wildflower or disturb a plant, your action effects the natural world and that the cumulative effect of the actions of many people can be extremely harmful.
3. Note that wildflowers are best studied in their natural environment.
4. Avoid impacting wildflowers, especially if many visits are made to the same site by one or more classes.
5. When inspecting wildflowers closely, do not disturb the surrounding soil and vegetation. Trampling can damage seedlings and roots and compact the soil.
6. Make the main focus of the activity the understanding of wildflowers rather than collecting them.
7. Do not collect wildflowers except as part of education, scientific research or rescue operation. For classroom study, use home grown, nursery or florist stock .
8. Never collect wildflowers unless you have the permission of the land owner or land management agency. It is illegal to collect wildflowers on public land.
9. Never collect rare or endangered species. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a list of endangered species in your area.
10. Never collect a wildflower if it's the only one growing in a particular area. Instead collect a single wildflower from a large group of wildflowers.
11. If you collect wildflower seeds, collect only a few from each of many plants. Always leave enough seeds for the plant to reseed itself.
12. Report unlawful collection of plants to proper authorities.

Adapted from the Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society and Project Learning Tree Wildflower Conservation Guidelines.