



COLORADO'S STATE SYMBOLS SCAVENGER HUNT

Celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday at the Montrose Botanic Gardens as you search for these Colorado state symbols! Check off each item as you find its sign somewhere in the Gardens.



- **Please stay on the paths at all times!** All items are visible from the garden paths.
- **Leave the items so that others can find them.**
- All items are in the north, developed half of the gardens. None are in Happy Hollow.
- Use the map in the brochure at the front kiosk to help you navigate, and read the HINTS below!



FLAG:

With its bright yellow, blue and red colors, it represents sunshine, blue skies and red earth. The flag design was adopted in 1964.

Hint: North path



TREE: Colorado

Blue Spruce

reaches 75 ft tall with sharp, blue-green needles. Found high in the Rocky Mtns, it is popular as a Christmas tree and for landscaping

Hint: South Shavano Plaza



FLOWER:

Colorado Blue

Columbine grow in meadows and woodlands at higher elevations. Please don't pick: They are protected under Colorado state law.

Hint: Entry Garden



CACTUS:

The **Claret cup** is named for its dark red flowers that attract butterflies & hummingbirds. They grow in tight bundles in dry, rocky deserts.

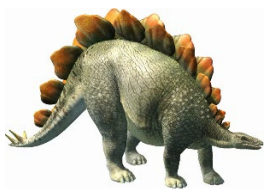
Hint: Cactus Garden



GRASS:

Blue grama is the most common native grass in Colorado. It is a warm-season bunch grass with distinctive eyelash shaped seedheads.

Hint: Turf plots



DINOSAUR:

The most complete fossilized **Stegosaurus** was unearthed near Canon City in 1886. It is a four-legged plant eater with rows of plates on its back and spikes on its tail. It roamed Colorado 150 million years ago.

Hint: North of Turf Plots



MAMMAL:

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

is named for its large, spiraling horns. It is the largest wild sheep in North America, with males weighing up to 250 pounds. Look for Bighorn sheep on mountainous cliffs.

Hint: Crevice Garden



BIRD:

Lark Buntings live in dry plains and sagebrush areas, most commonly in eastern Colorado. The male is quite showy, with a dark black body and white patches on its wings.

Hint: Waves of Grass



INSECT:

Colorado hairstreak butterflies have luminous purple, blue, and black coloring. Look for it in Gambel Oak trees in canyons and mountains at 6,000-9,000 ft elevation.

Hint: In a Gambel Oak in our Native Garden



FISH:

Greenback Cutthroat Trout were thought to be extinct by 1937, but it was rediscovered in the South Platte and Arkansas basins in the late 1950's. It is still listed federally as a Threatened species.

Hint: Rock Garden