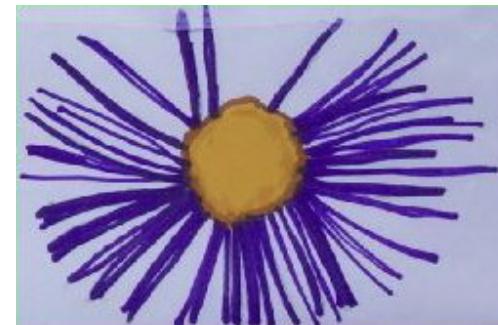


# Episode 2 of the Life of the Clyde Bee and Butterfly Patch: “First Flowers”

- 🐝 To encourage pollinators, what do you need? Flowers!
- 🐝 All through a dry May, we watered the plants we put in so they are doing okay. We are very grateful for the rain finally in mid-June! The plants are hopefully growing their roots and will show more above ground growth over the summer. Their first flowers may not come until next year.
- 🐝 At the front of the patch we left many plants in place. They are not native but are helping to provide some flowers for pollinators and a buffer between the patch and people walking by. Look for labels of them as for the ones we have planted. Red NN means not native to Ontario.

- 🐝 The first flowers we have so far are:

- 🌻 Hairy Beardtongue
- 🌻 Wild Columbine
- 🌻 Birdsfoot Trefoil (NN)
- 🌻 Shrubby cinquefoil
- 🌻 Common yarrow
- 🌻 Sumac



*New England Aster will bloom later*

- 🐝 There are many goldenrods and asters growing wild here. We will see their first flowers in late summer.

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