



# Earth Week 2020

## Celebrate Rhode Island Native Plants



Four-leaved milkweed is a threatened species in Rhode Island. It is found in dry, rocky woodland slopes and attracts native bees to its fragrant flowers. It is closely related to butterfly weed and common milkweed which are a favorite of monarch butterflies.

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island protects habitats where uncommon and rare plants grow. When you visit wildlife refuges, parks, or gardens, be sure to stay on the trail so you do not crush the plants!

### **Go on a flower walk in your backyard!**

- Bring a box of crayons along – can you find flowers that match the colors of your crayons?
- What is the smallest flower you can find? Is it smaller than your fingernail?
- What is the largest flower you can find? Is it bigger than your hand?
- Can you find a flower shaped like a star? Like a circle?
- What are the flower's leaves shaped like? Oval? Arrow? Star?
- How many petals does each flower have?
- Are any bugs visiting the flowers?