

These red and green buds will soon open.
Snowy white flowers will appear.

These are the flowers of an apple tree. Bees visit the flowers to drink their sweet nectar.

They leave pollen from other trees. When the pollen falls onto a flower, the flower grows into a crisp, tasty apple.

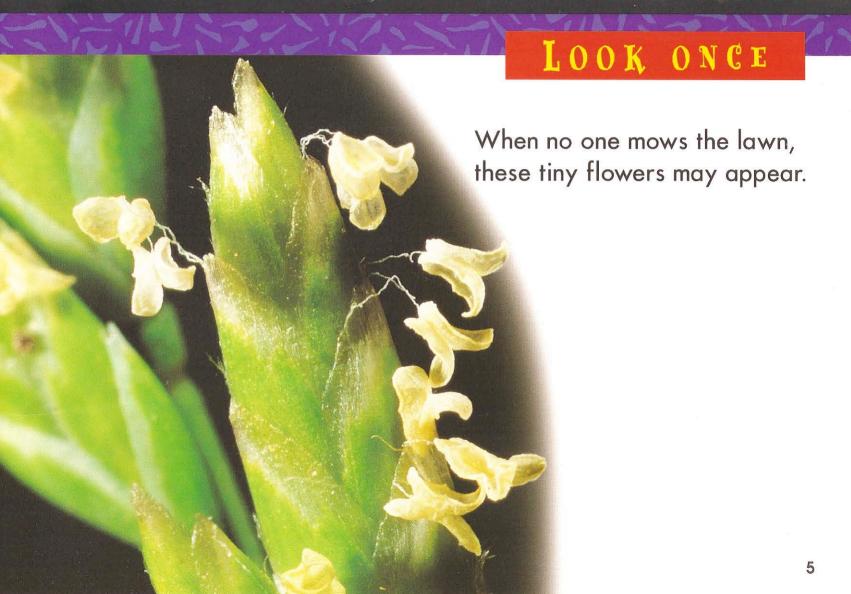


These are the "stamens," or male parts, of a brilliant flower.

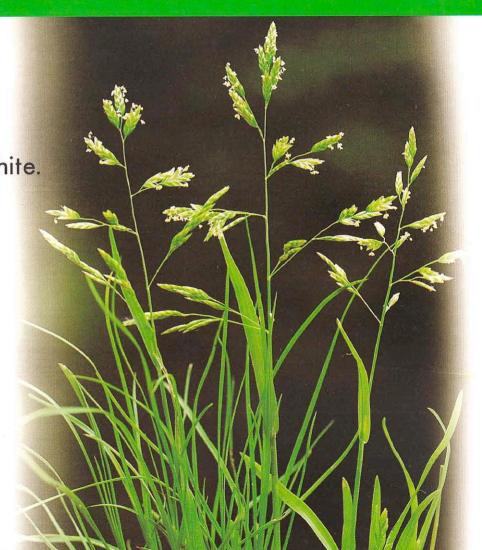


Cosmos flowers act like a target for insects. When insects land on them, they rub against the stamens. Soon they are covered with pollen. Now the insects will carry pollen to other cosmos flowers.





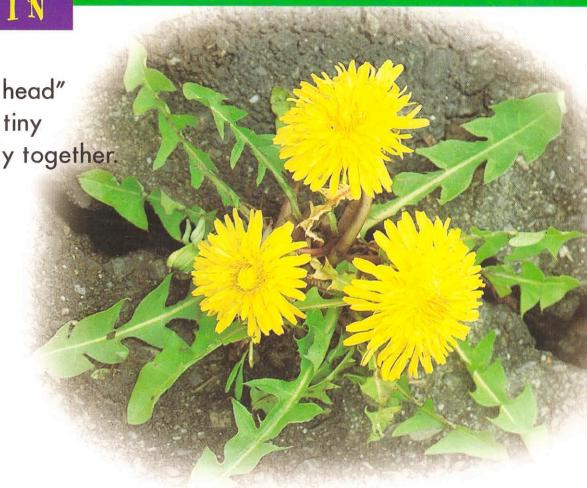
Did you know grass plants have flowers?
The flowers are small and white.
Pollen grains fall from the flowers and the wind carries them away.
If a pollen grain lands on another grass flower, a grass seed will grow.

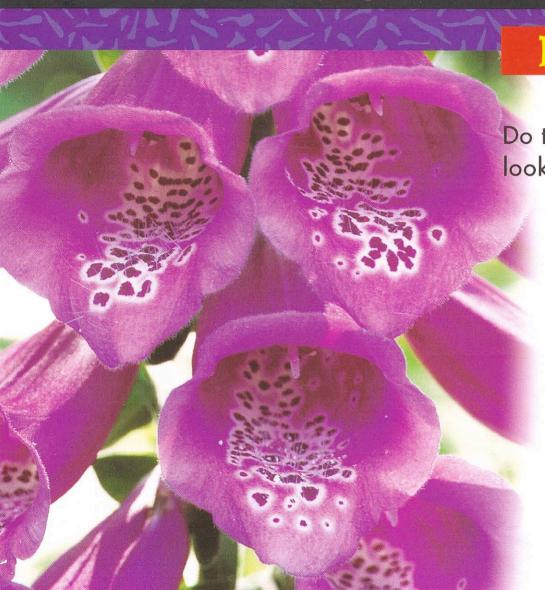




A dandelion "flower head" is made out of many tiny flowers packed tightly together.

Each flower head has more than 100 tiny flowers. These sturdy plants grow everywhere, even in cracks in parking lots!





Do these speckled tubes look like a glove?

Foxglove flowers grow in bunches on long stems.

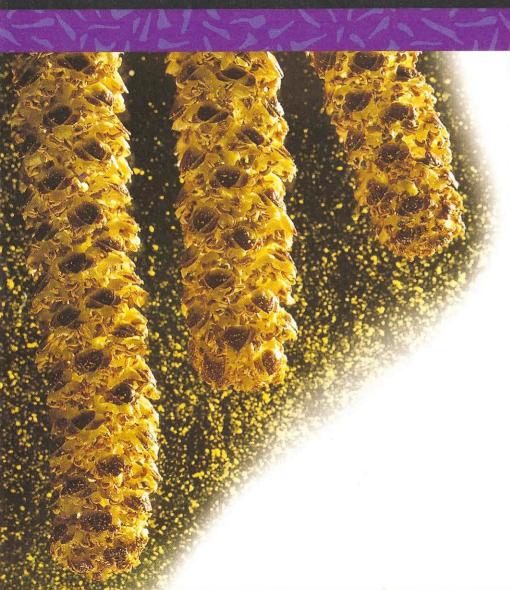
Each flower is like a little tube that will fit over your finger.

Maybe that's why it's called a glove.

But why is it called a foxglove?

No one knows for sure.

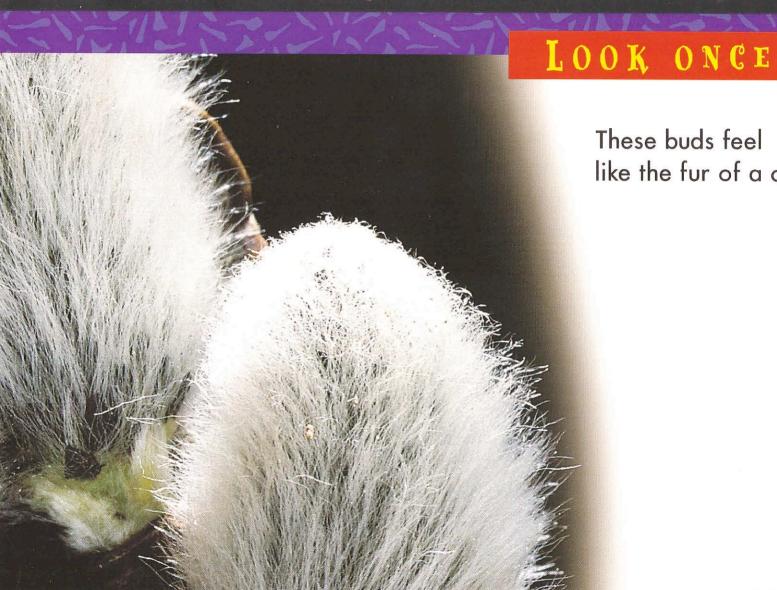




These come from a tree that is famous for its white, papery bark.

The flowers of a white birch are almost invisible.
They hang together in clusters called "catkins."
These male catkins will drop their yellow pollen in the wind.
If some pollen lands on a female catkin, birch seeds will grow.





These buds feel like the fur of a cat.

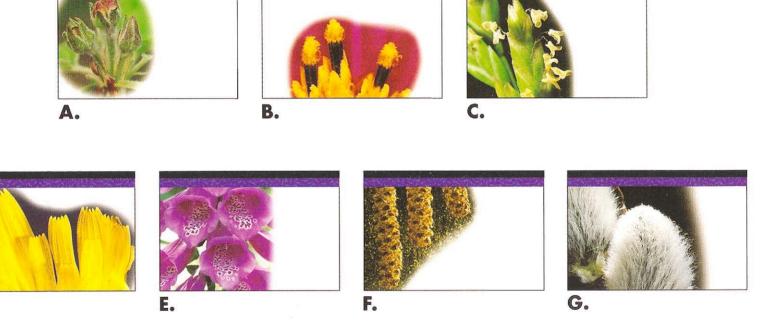


These are pussy willow buds.
When the buds open in the spring,
they are soft and furry.

When they open even more, you'll

see they are packed with tiny flowers.





Look closely. Can you name these plants?

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A. Apple tree



B. Cosmos



C. Grass



D. Dandelion



E. Foxglove



F. White birch



G. Pussy willow

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