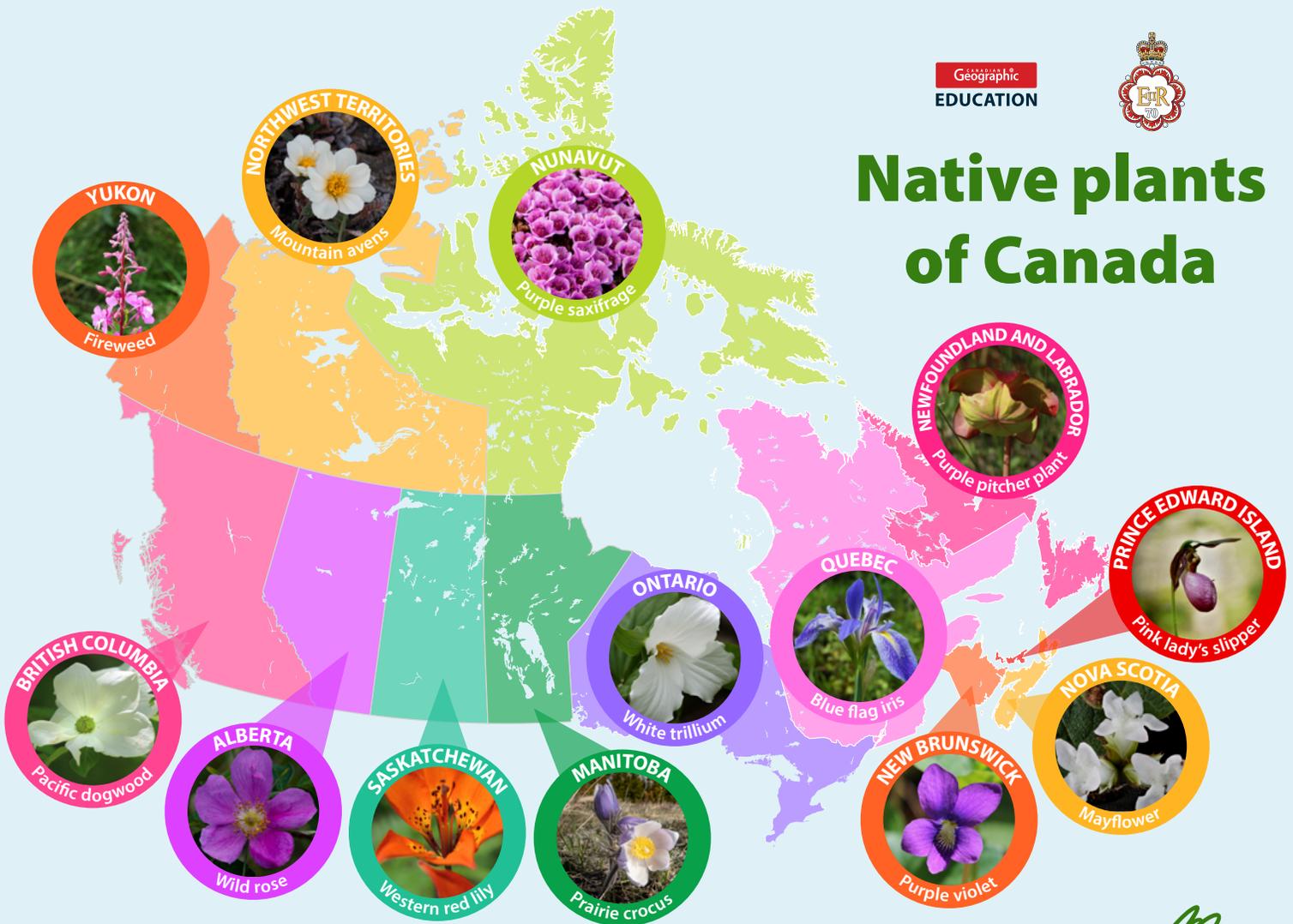


Native plants of Canada



Did you know that the official flower emblems of our provinces and territories are all native plants?



What are native plants?

Native plants are flora that are indigenous to a certain region, having evolved naturally without interference from humans. Canada has more than 3,000 native plants, which include trees, wildflowers, grasses, aquatic plants, and more!

Why should you plant native species?



Native plants attract native pollinators that help support our ecosystems.



Plants are the main food source for many insects, which feed other animals in the food chain. Some native species rely solely on a native plant, like the monarch butterfly relies on the milkweed!



Native plants have had thousands of years to adapt to Canada's unique conditions. They need less maintenance and water than introduced species.



Fun fact

Queen Elizabeth II recently discovered a love for gardening at the age of 91! To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, people across the United Kingdom are encouraged to "plant a tree for the Jubilee" through an initiative called The Queen's Green Canopy. Help turn this into a global movement and consider planting one of Canada's native species near you!



Want to learn more? Check out our Queen's Jubilee resources at cangeoeducation.ca