

## Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept it: **BEE CONNECTED**

Have you ever noticed that every living thing on Earth has a very distinct role? Some living things have developed relationships that benefit themselves and others. Your mission is to observe and discover how plants and animals interact throughout the Garden.

## **READY EXPLORERS, LET'S GO!**

1. Use your map reading skills to find **The Nature Connect's Spider #23** on map. Can't find it, just look up.

You may not believe it, but spiders play an important role in our Garden. They pollinate plants, protect them from harmful insects and help recycle dead plants and make rich soil. The plant provides food and shelter to the spider. They both benefit! We call that mutualisum.

What plants do you benefit from?							

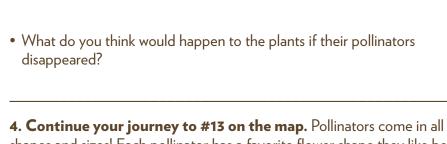
2. Use your map reading skills to find Nature Connect's Monarch on a Milkweed sculpture #10. Butterflies undergo metamorphosis, a dramatic change from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Butterflies rely on plants for food, shelter and to raise their young, we call those host plants. For monarch butterflies, like this, their host plant is milkweed.

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- 3. Now off to see the **Hummingbird Sculpture (#24)**
- What is the hummingbird doing?

Plants cannot move so they need help from pollinators to reproduce. A pollinator is anything that moves pollen from one plant to another. In exchange for carrying the pollen, plants provide food for the pollinator. We call this a symbiotic relationship.

• Draw an insect that pollinates plants?



**4. Continue your journey to #13 on the map.** Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes! Each pollinator has a favorite flower shape they like best. This is known as pollinator syndrome. Bee-lieve it or not, most bees prefer wide flowers that allow them to rest while they feed on nectar. Pretend you're a bee on a mission, find your favorite flower nearby and take a picture next to it.

**5. After your long journey, it's time to take a quick break.** Take a photo with the Ant Hill sculpture (#17). Did you know ants dig tunnels underneath the soil to build their home?

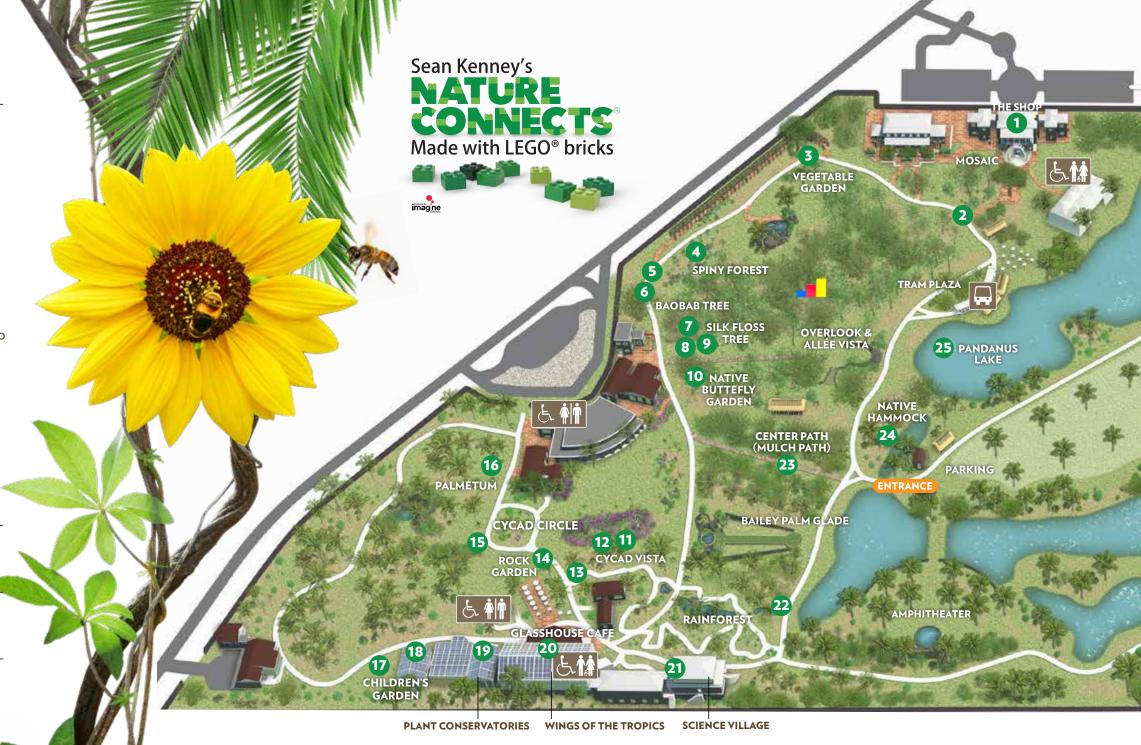
Not only does living underground help ants avoid predators, their nests also help the soil! These underground tunnels aerate the soil and mix nutrients into it, which can be absorbed by a plant's root system!

Now that you are in the Children's Garden, pretend you are an ant and climb on the branches to find your food.

**6. Don't forget:** All great explorers record their adventures What was the most interesting thing you saw today?

What is one thing you learned today?

What do you want to explore on your next visit?



1 Parrots
The Shop (1 reveal)

2 Bird Bath The Mosaic at The Shop

Fox and Rabbit
Vegetable Garden

4 Galapagos Tortoise
Spiny Forest

5 Buck Near Baobab Tree

6 Fawn & Doe Near Baobab Tree

7 Lawn Mower Silk Floss Tree 8 Gardener Silk Floss Tree

9 Wheel Barrow Silk Floss Tree

Monarch Butterfly
Native Butterfly Garden

11 Dragonfly
Cycad Vista

12 Dragonfly
Cycad Vista

Pansy & Bee
Near Cycad Vista

**Goldfinches**Rock Garden

**Snail on Mushroom**Cycad Circle

16 Peacock
Palmetum

**17** Ant-Hill Photo-Op Children's Garden

**18 Gardening Granddaughter**Children's Garden

19 Parrots

Conservatories (3 reveals)

**Bonsai Tree**The Glasshouse Café

The Moth Orchid
Science Village

**Rose**Rainforest

Spider
Center Path

**24** Hummingbird Native Hammock

Victoria Water Platter
Pandanus Lake



Please note that we are providing very limited priority shuttle service for those individuals requiring additional assistance.



For the safety of the sculptures, please do not cross this barrier or touch the pieces.

