
















The Life Cycle of Plants – Paintings by the Bath Society of Botanical Artists

	Helen Acosta	Western azalea	<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	£350
<p>Gouache</p> <p>The Western Azalea originates from North America. Pollination is reliant on insects which emerge early in the year such as the hairy-footed flower bee, depicted here, which pollinates the flowers while searching for nectar.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 37cm high x 30cm wide</p>				
	Helen Acosta	Rose	<i>Rosa 'Lady of Shalott'</i>	£350
<p>Gouache</p> <p>The sweet-smelling flowers of the 'Lady of Shalott' rose are attractive to bees. As a hybrid rose it can set seeds carrying mixed genetic traits. Offspring may therefore differ from the parent plant.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 37cm high x 46cm wide</p>				
	Caroline Allen	Blue Passionflower	<i>Passiflora caerulea</i>	£580
<p>Watercolour</p> <p>Pollination is primarily by large Carpenter bees and honeybees. Pollination needs to occur within six hours of the flower opening in the morning while the pollen is still fresh.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 50cm high x 50cm wide</p>				
	Caroline Allen	Magnolia	<i>M. x soulangeana 'Lennei Alba' x M. x veitchii</i>	£580
<p>Watercolour and coloured pencil</p> <p>Magnolias evolved on earth as far back as 95 million years ago when there were dinosaurs. Bees and butterflies did not exist, so Magnolias were pollinated by beetles. At night petals trap the beetles to ensure they have enough time to deposit pollen over the stigmas.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 50cm high x 50cm wide</p>				
	Rachel Berger	Star Magnolia	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	£95
<p>Mixed media</p> <p>Originating from Japan, this grows into a medium sized deciduous shrub. In early spring, flowers have up to 18 spreading white tepals (combined sepals and petals).</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 39cm high x 51cm wide</p>				






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	<p>Rachel Berger £95</p> <p>A Portrait of Apples. Varieties of <i>Malus domestica</i>: Tydeman's Early Worcester, Discovery and Lord Lambourne</p> <p>Coloured pencil</p> <p>Apple trees flower in April just as bees are emerging. Different varieties ripen from August with some apples not ready until November. The three varieties painted were ripe in early August.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 24cm high x 40cm wide</p>
	<p>Janet Collett £150</p> <p>Dahlia 'Bishop of Llandaff'</p> <p>Pen and Watercolour</p> <p>This is vivid red, single-flowered dahlia with dark, almost black foliage. It is long flowering, loved by pollinators, and adds bold summer colour to a border.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 27cm high x 28cm wide</p>
	<p>Janet Collett £110</p> <p>Fig <i>Ficus carica</i></p> <p>Watercolour</p> <p>The fruit of the Fig is technically a <i>synconium</i>, a hollow structure lined with tiny flowers. In the wild a scent is released to attract a tiny wasp for pollination.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 29cm high x 26cm wide</p>
	<p>Janet Collett SOLD £150</p> <p><i>Salvia 'Amistad'</i></p> <p>Pen and watercolour</p> <p>This is a striking perennial sage with deep purple-black flower spikes that bloom from early summer to autumn. It grows about 1 to 1.5 metres tall and attracts bees and butterflies.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 26cm high x 24cm wide</p>
	<p>Rosemary Darrah £120</p> <p>Ripe seed Pod of Butterfly Milkweed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i></p> <p>A perennial plant, this species of milkweed is native to the USA where it is the major food plant for the Monarch butterfly on its amazing annual migration from California and Mexico to north USA. It is known as the Butterfly Weed because its orange colour and copious nectar production are also attractive to bees.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 33cm high x 27cm wide</p>






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	Rosemary Darrah	Life cycle of the English (Pedunculate) Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	NFS
<p>Giclee prints available Watercolour</p>				
<p>A long-lived deciduous tree bearing both male and female catkins which are wind pollinated. It supports a wide diversity of insects and the acorns are a source of food for birds and mammals.</p>				
<p>Approximate measurements: 61cm high x 47cm wide</p>				
	Celia Denee	Seedheads from the Cutting Garden.	£185	
<i>Echinops (Globe Thistle), Helichrysum, Zinnia, Mallow, and Eryngium (Sea Holly)</i>				
<p>Pen and watercolour</p>				
<p>Attractive to a variety of pollinating insects, after flowering the blooms which have not been cut are left to go to seed. Some seeds are born in the wind and others drop straight to the ground.</p>				
<p>Approximate measurements: 31cm high x 43cm wide</p>				
	Celia Denee	The Kitchen Garden	£280	
<p>Watercolour</p>				
<p>A diversity of vegetables, fruit and herbs are grown in the kitchen garden and, as long as a long-established walled garden, it has produced food for the house. The garden now also supplies Bowood Hotel.</p>				
<p>Approximate measurements: 47cm high x 47cm wide</p>				
	Penelope Fleming	Pocket-handkerchief Tree	<i>Davidia involucrate</i>	£350
<p>Graphite</p>				
<p>This deciduous tree from China has an insignificant flower with two large, white bracts that function as petals in attracting pollinators. The bracts flutter in the breeze, hence its common name.</p>				
<p>Approximate measurements: 51cm high x 42cm wide</p>				
	Penny Ladd	Himalayan cedar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	£175
<p>Pen and ink</p>				
<p>Small upright male cones produce pollen, the female cones are barrel shaped and up to 13cm (5 ins) long and, when mature and still on the tree, they break up to release the winged seeds.</p>				
<p>Approximate measurements: 32cm high x 40cm wide</p>				






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	Penny Ladd	Medlar <i>Mespilus germanica</i>	£250
<p>Watercolour</p> <p>A small tree bearing large white flowers in the Spring followed by small brown fruit that are only edible once picked and left to ripen – a process known as bletting.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 33cm high x 30cm wide</p>			
	Kathleen Needs	Dyer's Chamomile <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> 'Sauce Hollandaise'	£95
<p>Oil based coloured pencil</p> <p>Anthemis is a British native with nectar and pollen rich flowers attractive to pollinators. The flowers contain compounds that create yellow dyes.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 40cm high x 31cm wide</p>			
	Jan Robertson	Golden Rain Tree <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	£150
<p>Pen, ink and coloured pencil</p> <p>This medium sized tree is native to China but grows well in the warmer parts of the UK. The profuse, small yellow flowers are loved by bees in the summer and, if pollinated, are followed by lantern shaped fruits. The leaves turn a wonderful orange in the autumn.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 44cm high x 35cm wide</p>			
	Jan Robertson	The Wedding Cake Tree with Blue tit <i>Cornus controversa</i> 'Variegata'.	£225
<p>Pen, ink and coloured pencil</p> <p>Broad clusters of small, cream-coloured flowers are formed in May. These are pollinated by a variety of insects including bees and butterflies. The tree's layered branches provide excellent nesting sites for birds and shelter for other wildlife.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 38cm high x 46cm wide</p>			
	Jan Robertson	Discovery Apple	SOLD £110
<p>An early dessert apple raised by George Drummer in Essex in 1949. Apples provide valuable food for wildlife such as deer, badgers, mice and birds as well as us.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 26cm high x 35cm wide</p>			






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	Maureen Seed	Rocktrumpet	<i>Mandevilla</i>	£300
<p>Watercolour</p> <p><i>Mandevilla</i> plants have complex flowers that favour cross-pollination by specific insects and hummingbirds but they can be propagated more reliably through vegetative methods like stem cuttings and layering.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 50cm high x 36cm wide</p>				
	Maureen Seed	Leycesteria Formosa. 'Golden Lanterns'		£300
<p>Watercolour</p> <p>Also known as Himalayan Honeysuckle and Pheasant Berry it is pollinated primarily by insects, especially bees. After successful pollination the resulting berries are then dispersed by birds.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 50cm high x 36cm wide</p>				
	Jen Sheppard	Artichoke	<i>Cyanara cardunculus</i>	£500
<p>Coloured pencil</p> <p>A perennial plant that lives for several years, the top growth dies back in the winter and regrows each spring. The large flower buds are edible, but if left, will blossom into beautiful purple flowers that are very attractive to bees and other pollinators.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 47cm high x 49cm wide</p>				
	Jen Sheppard	Courgette	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	£450
<p>Coloured pencil</p> <p>Courgettes are annual plants and complete their life cycle from germination to producing seeds and dying in one growing season. Both the flowers (which are pollinated by bees) and the fruit, are edible.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 42cm high x 39cm wide</p>				
	Theresa Smith	Bluebell Life Cycle	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	NFS
<p>Watercolour</p> <p>Native bluebells, dormant for most of the year as bulbs, emerge to bloom in spring. Aiding reproduction, bumblebees 'buzz pollinate' the sweetly scented, nodding flowers. Bluebells take 5-7 years to flower from seed.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 40cm high x 45cm wide</p>				





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	Kate Souter	Geranium 'Rozanne'	£400	
Watercolour				
<p>This popular geranium flowers repeatedly through the summer months. It has delicate blue petals streaked with violet and a white centre. Perennial geraniums are commonly known as Cranesbills as their seeds look like cranes heads when mature.</p>				
Approximate measurements: 39cm high x 33cm wide				
	Kate Souter	Maidenhair Tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	NFS
Pen and ink				
<p>This is a very ancient species called a 'living fossil'. Remains have been found that are over 200 million years old. It gets its common name from the maidenhair fern as both plants have bi-lobed leaves.</p>				
Approximate measurements: 30cm high x 26cm wide				
	Lila Streether	Leaf of <i>Malus domestica</i>.	'Discovery' Apple	£300
Pen and ink				
Parents of the Discovery apple were 'Worcester Pearmain' and 'Beauty of Bath'.				
<p>When trees change colour in the autumn it is a sign that sugars are being re-absorbed before leaf fall.</p>				
Approximate measurements: 55cm high x 41cm wide				
	Lila Streether	<i>Abutilon pictum</i> 'Red Tiger'	£225	
Watercolour				
<p>The abutilon is native to South America and cultivated as an ornamental plant here. It does not tolerate temperatures below zero. The flowers attract pollinators such as bees and hummingbirds and are edible, either cooked or raw.</p>				
Approximate measurements: 40cm high x 34cm wide				
	Lyn Sykes	Hyssop	<i>Agastache rupestris</i> 'Apache Sunset'	£250
Watercolour				
<p>This member of the mint family has aromatic leaves and is drought and salt tolerant. Purple buds develop into orange flowers which have a long corolla that can only be pollinated by butterflies which have long tongues. In its native Mexico it is pollinated by hummingbirds.</p>				
Approximate measurements: 43cm high x 33cm wide				

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	<p>Lyn Sykes</p> <p>Grape Vine <i>Vitis vinifera</i> 'Muscat of Alexandria' £350</p> <p>Watercolour</p> <p>The Muscat of Alexandria grape is a very old variety used as a dessert grape or for making wine. Buds develop in tiny clusters and the flowers have their petals fused at the tips. These break away together as a cap. It is mostly self-pollinated but benefits from insects as well.</p> <p>This particular vine in the walled garden was grown from a cutting in the 1950s from Chatsworth House which itself was taken from one in Bowood years earlier.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 47cm high x 39cm wide</p>
	<p>Chris Taylor</p> <p>Pale Yellow-eyed Grass <i>Sisyrinchium striatum.</i> £185</p> <p>Watercolour and coloured pencil</p> <p>This rhizomatous perennial, native to Alpine grasslands in Argentina and Chile, flowers from May to August and once established is drought tolerant. Nectar and pollen rich flowers are very attractive to bees.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 44cm high x 32cm wide</p>
	<p>Chris Taylor</p> <p>Japanese White Rose <i>Rosa rugosa</i> 'Alba' £125</p> <p>Watercolour and coloured pencil</p> <p>A perennial with impressive longevity as well as extreme tolerance of maritime winds, saline soils and freezing winters. The fragrant, silky white flowers bloom from late spring to early autumn. Large tomato-like orange-red hips can be dispersed by birds and animals.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 30cm high x 30cm wide</p>
	<p>Annabel Trechmann</p> <p>Daphne <i>Daphne bholua</i> 'Jacqueline Postill' £195</p> <p>Watercolour and graphite</p> <p>This evergreen shrub, known for its highly fragrant pink, purple and white flowers blooms in January and February and these are followed by round black berries. The plant is toxic if eaten.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 49cm high x 40cm wide</p>
	<p>Annabel Trechmann</p> <p>Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron yakushimanum</i> SOLD £195</p> <p>Watercolour</p> <p>Discovered on the small mountainous island off the South of Japan called Yakushima, it is a compact spreading evergreen shrub with narrow leaves, with buff felt underside. Its flower buds are fuchsia pink with petals turning to pure white as the flowers open.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 40cm high x 49cm wide</p>

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	<p>Julia Trickey Cut Flower Border Blooms, Bowood</p>	<p>SOLD £1800</p>
<p>Watercolour and gouache</p> <p>Though shown together here, flowers bloom at different times of the year to maximise success, avoid competition for pollinators and in response to environmental cues such as temperature and light.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 54cm high x 44cm wide</p>		
	<p>Curzon Tussaud Corkscrew Hazel or Harry Lauder's Walking Stick <i>Corylus avellana</i> 'Contorta'</p>	<p>£275</p>
<p>Graphite and coloured pencil</p> <p>The male catkins (which are wind pollinated) produce masses of pollen in early spring which is of great value to honey bees and this allows their Queens to commence egg laying.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 45cm high x 39cm wide</p>		
	<p>Josie White Japanese Flowering Cherry Tree <i>Prunus</i> 'Amanogawa'</p>	<p>£2,995</p>
<p>Oil pencil and graphite</p> <p>These distinctive trees, of ever-changing colour throughout the season, form a magnificent avenue of interest in the walled garden at Bowood. Dense clusters of semi-double light pink flowers create an attractive display in late April.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 55cm high x 50cm wide</p>		
	<p>Josie White Rose <i>Rosa</i> 'Cayenne' ('Koroutofko') (S)</p>	<p>£2995</p>
<p>Oil pencil and graphite</p> <p>This bushy shrub rose is to be found in the lower terraces in front of Bowood House. Its semi-double velvety-red flowers bloom continuously from summer to autumn.</p> <p>Approximate measurements: 58cm high x 46cm wide</p>		

The thumbnail pictures provide an example of each painting and are not to scale.

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