

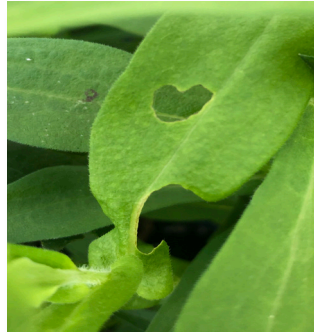
# TRAILSIDE EYE SPY

See if you can spot each item along the Celebration Trail - Cascade Valley Metro Park,  
Valley View Area, 1212 Cuyahoga St., Akron, OH 44313

## A CHEWED LEAF

Native plants form the base of ecosystem food webs and are much more palatable to our local insects.

*Can you spy any caterpillars having a snack? A chewed leaf is a good leaf!*



## SOFTSHELL TURTLES

A smooth, sleek shell, snorkel-like nose and large paddle-like feet make these turtles specially adapted for life in moving water. They're not hard to spot basking on the banks; some of their shells alone can reach nearly two feet in length!



## MEADOWHAWK DRAGONFLY

This family of stunning red beauties, and their yellow-green female counterparts can be found perching near water with their abdomens pointed straight into the sky. This behavior, called "obelisking," allows them to stay cool on hot summer days.



## NORTHERN FLICKER

Look for this woodpecker relative sitting on the ground, using its sticky tongue to probe into ant hills. When startled into flight, the flicker reveals its most noticeable features: a bright white rump patch and brilliant yellow underwings.



## BEEBALM

This native wildflower is a pollinator powerhouse, and a particular favorite of the unique hummingbird moth. Normally quite tall, this plant can be trimmed back in late spring for a greater profusion of blooms and to keep them a more manageable height in home gardens.

## BALD EAGLE

Eagles began nesting in the Valley View Area in 2020 and have since fledged several young. *Why do we call them bald?* The word was once used to mean "marked with white." It can take a young eagle five years to grow their iconic white head and tail feathers.



## MURALS

Brand new in the summer of 2022, mural artists Lizzi Aronhalt and Matthew Miller created works of art to decorate the auxiliary buildings beside Himelright Lodge. *What flora and fauna can you spy within in the swirls of color?*



## YELLOW FLOWERS

*How many varieties of yellow flowers can you spot?* Just like we wear sunscreen, plants also need protection from the sun. The color pigments in yellow flowers such as this partridge pea help protect their delicate petals from the intense summer rays.



## BLACK SWALLOWTAIL

This gorgeous butterfly, along with several other swallowtail species, can be seen gracefully floating over the open fields. Their caterpillars feed on the native golden alexanders flower as well as members of the carrot and parsley family.