

## Summer Wildflowers

Bees are buzzing, hummingbirds humming, and native wildflowers are out to take advantage of these pollinators, offering nectar, pollen, and bright petals of almost every color.

Along sunny roadsides, we (and the hummingbirds) spot a colorful display, including the orange tubes of Trumpet Creeper vine, the lavender blooms of Beebalm, pink ones of Coneflower, and spikes of blue Bellflower.

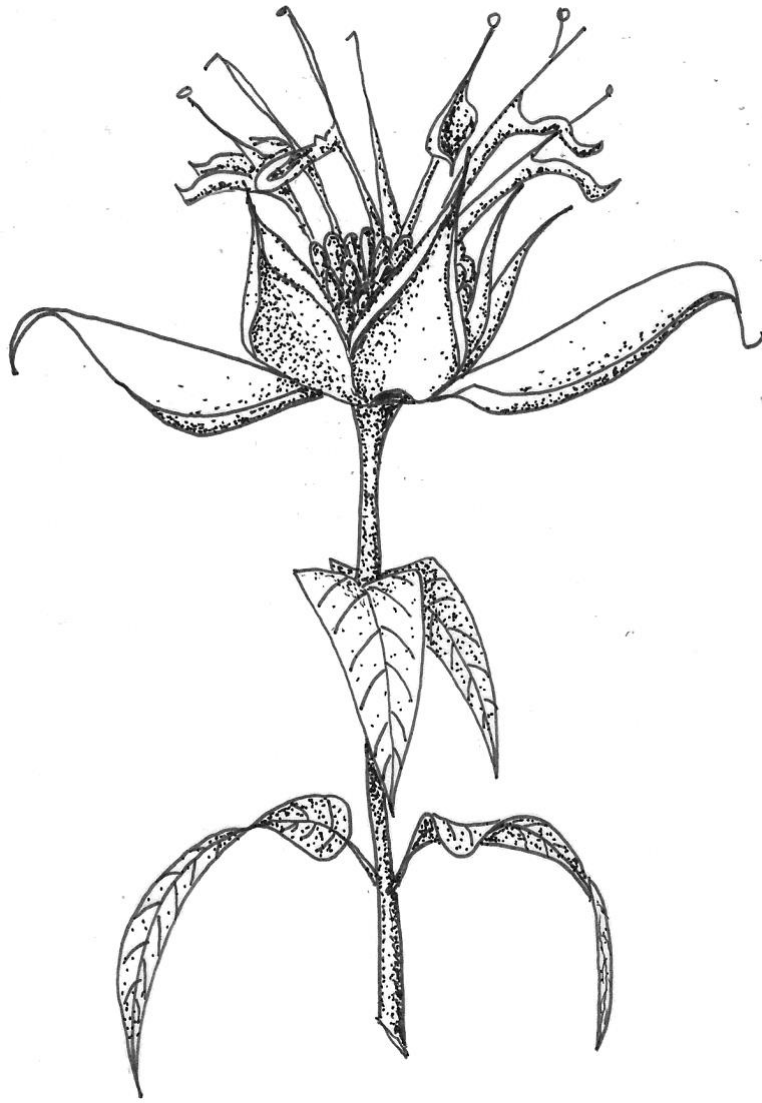
On the forest edges and in dappled sunlight, we spy the golden blooms of Whorled Coreopsis. And out on sandstone outcrops (look behind Cannon Residence Hall) our native Prickly Pear Cactus is covered with big yellow blooms.

The University Farm is one good place to see Tennessee's native wildflower, the purple Passionflower. (Yes, the ripe fruit is edible!)

One more orange flower? In the wettest areas, here's Touch-Me-Not. I wonder how it got that name?



Trumpet Creeper, *Campsis radicans*



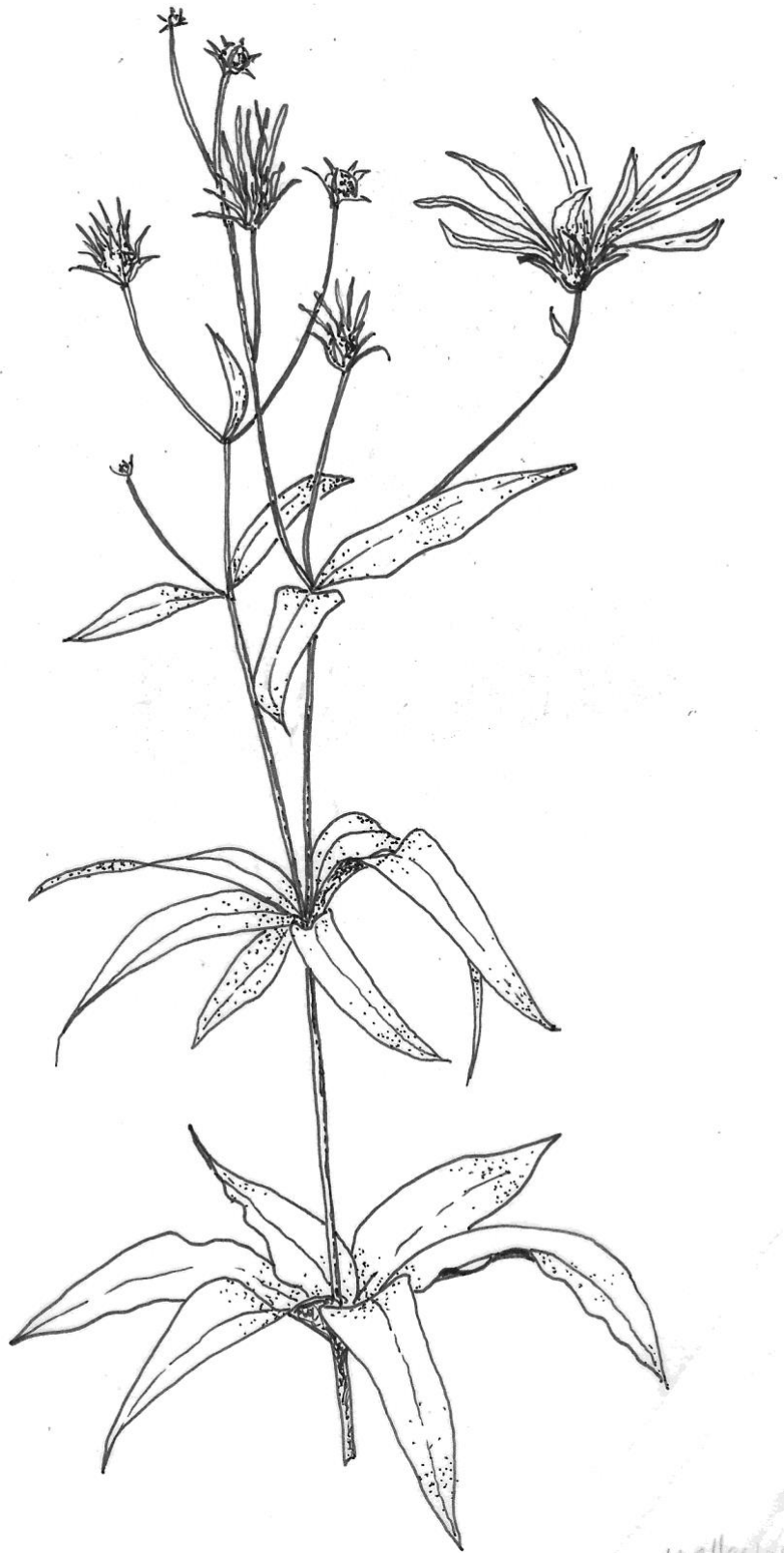
Beebalm, *Mondara fistulosa*



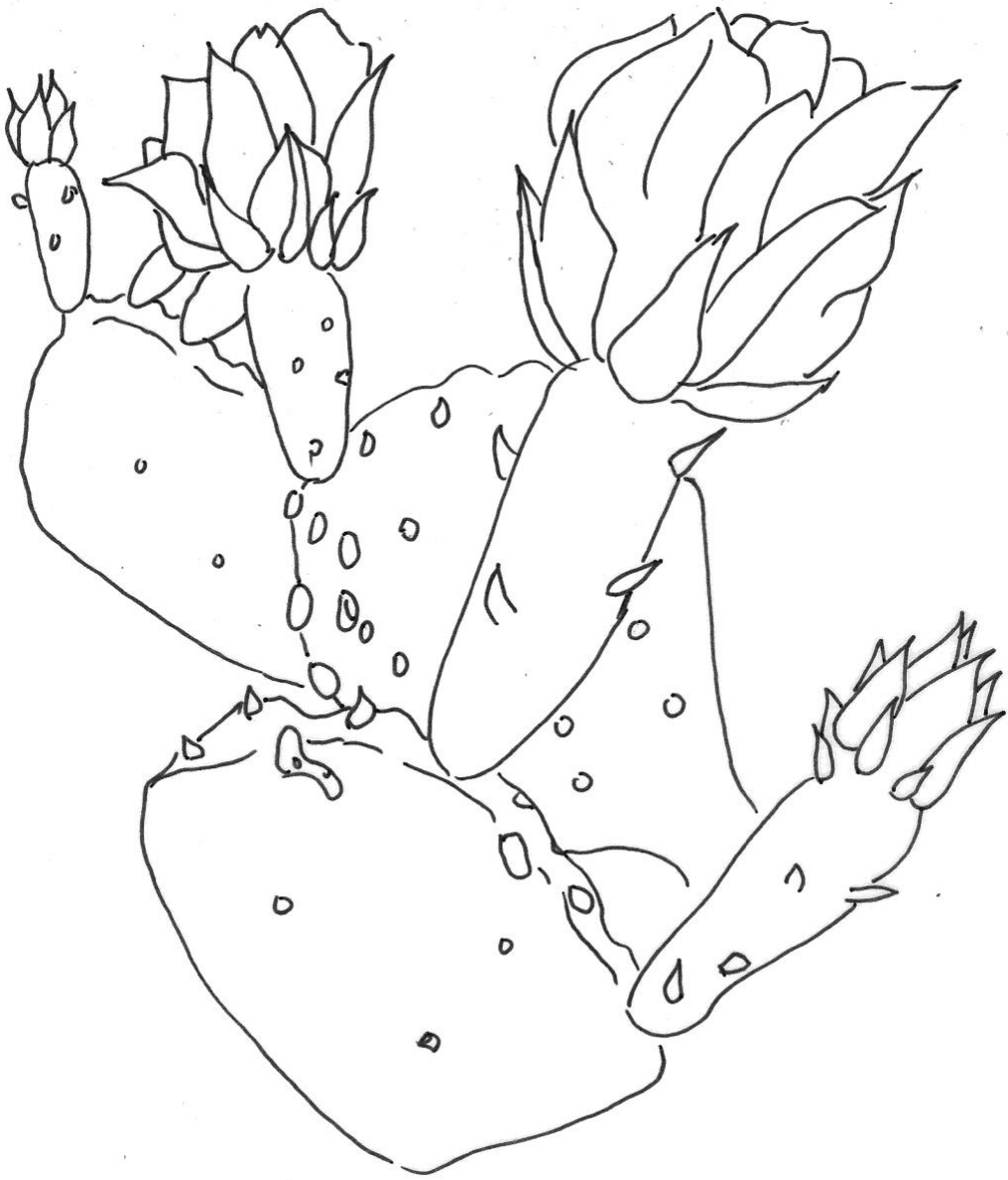
Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea*



Bellflower, *Campanula americana*



Whorled Coreopsis, *Coreopsis major*



Prickly Pear Cactus, *Opuntia humifusa*



Passionflower, *Passiflora incarnata*





Touch-me-not, *Impatiens capensis*