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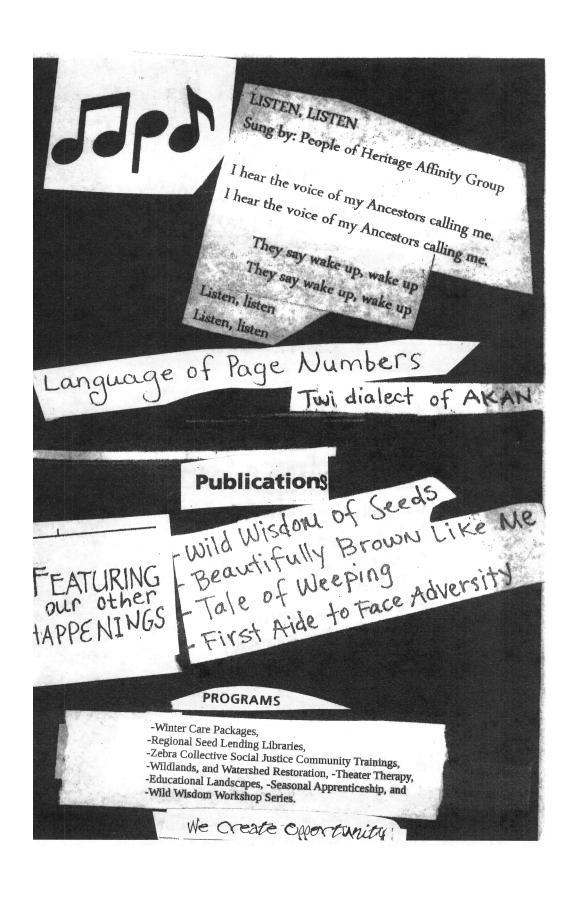
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Botanical Anatomy is a basic look at how Nature grows including non-binary reproductive flower cycles, and educational imagery.

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### Dedication

TO NATURE May We "quiet, be still" and receive your wisdom. THANK YOU?

CONTENT and \*warnings\*

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2. Life Span

3. Anatomy of Plants

4. Pollinators

5. Seed Maturing

6. Seeds Dispersal

\* Natural Process of Restoration

\*Mild story of Nature \*

#### Seed to Seeds Plant Cycle

#### The FACTS are these:

- Plants are the first complex life forms to thrive on land - Seeds are a source of life
- -Our relationship to the elements Sun- Air -Water- Earth- Moon is vital to our collective survival
  - The majority of plants we interact with are planted by strangers some generations ago, so plant for the future
  - Our place is within nature. You are from a seed, and most genitals have the potential to carry the seeds of future generations -Plants have stories, songs, and needs

#### The importance of Seed propagated life

-Continuation of diverse, and genetically strong traits Cloned plants only carry partial genetics losing dominate traits from Seed parent(s) which most often require more care

- -Hardiness is gained. Which is the ability for plants to reproduce without intervention
- -Complete Cycle -- the purpose of a Seed is to produce life through an abundance of Seeds. Leave on flower heads until seeds fully form, and drop

#### "Limiting Concept of "Invasive

It is important to become aware that native habitat only represents a moment in the story of the landscape. All habitats evolve, and are in constant change. If we continue exerting huge efforts to control natural progression, we may be creating more damage than by simply doing nothing, or aiding the natural flow

Adapted from The Wild Wisdom of Weeds----

#### \*Seed Harvesting\*

Ask the plant(s), and any other species actively living, or using the area for permission. Inform them about how you plan to use them.

Y. Harvest only what you need, and will use only if there are multiple plants around. Always leave some for nature

Z. Give gratitude to the plant(s), and an offering to the landscape

These simple practices keep us in the frequency of respecting the intelligent life of the plants, the environment, and the universal flow of abundance. It is important that we embrace the full cycle of giving, and receiving. These practices ask us to go a little slower in our harvesting, which keeps us available for greater observation, and communication.

----Adapted from The Wild Wisdom of Weeds

This booklet is to educate about Seed Harvesting for planting only. If you plan to forage in any other way, please consult the resource section, and educate yourself on Ethical Harvesting

"Seeds are the first link in the food chain as well as being the storage place for culture, and story, and we have the right to save and share them."

-- Doctor Vandana Shiva

#### \*Life Cycle from a Seed\*

beginning the moment the fully formed seed touches Earth

- 1. Intelligent Waiting
  - 2. Life Span
- 3. Anatomy of Plants
  - 4. Pollinators
  - 5. Seed Maturing
  - 6. Seed Dispersal

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#### 1. Attentive Intelligent Waiting

The Seed is aware of surroundings waiting for ideal conditions before opening, and sending out roots. Seeds can wait for 20 to hundreds of thousands of sun cycles (a sun cycle is one Sun rotation around the Earth).

#### Conditions

Elemental - temperature, sun cycle, amount of sun/shade, oxygen level, water, moon phase

Germination - forest fire, nutrients in soil, exposure to deep freeze, and prolonged cold, fermentation, passing through a digestive tract, and exposure to rodents

#### 2. Life Span

Annual: Plants produce large seeds, after living for one growing season

<u>Biennial</u>: Flowers, and dies in second growing season. Seed size varies depending on climate. May go dormant in roots during cold season

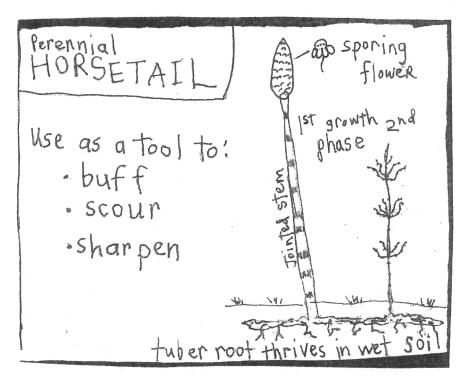
Perennial: Living three or more growing seasons. Depending on climate may go dormant in roots during cold season. Plants produce small seeds

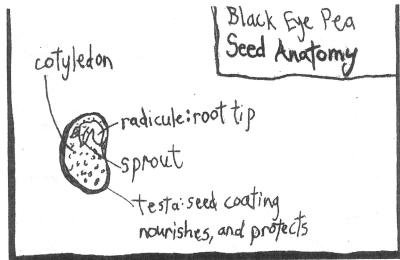
Monocarp: Grows leaves for multiple growing seasons, then flowers, and dies during final growing season

3. Anatomy of Plants

Spores -- Seeds -- Roots -- Stems -- Leaves -- Flowers -- Fruits -- Bark -- Seedlings

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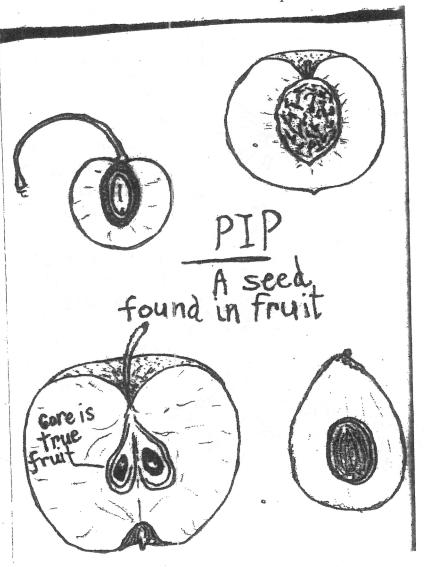


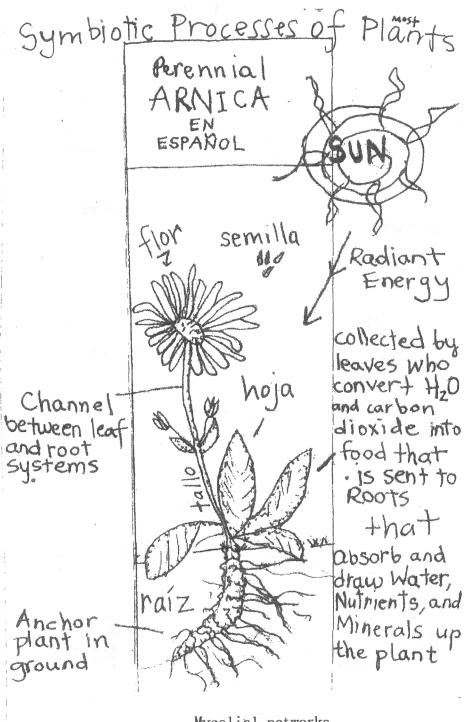
Seeds contain dormant sprouts formed at the base of the carpel. The Seed coating is a protective layer that nourishes, and prevents the seed from drying out.

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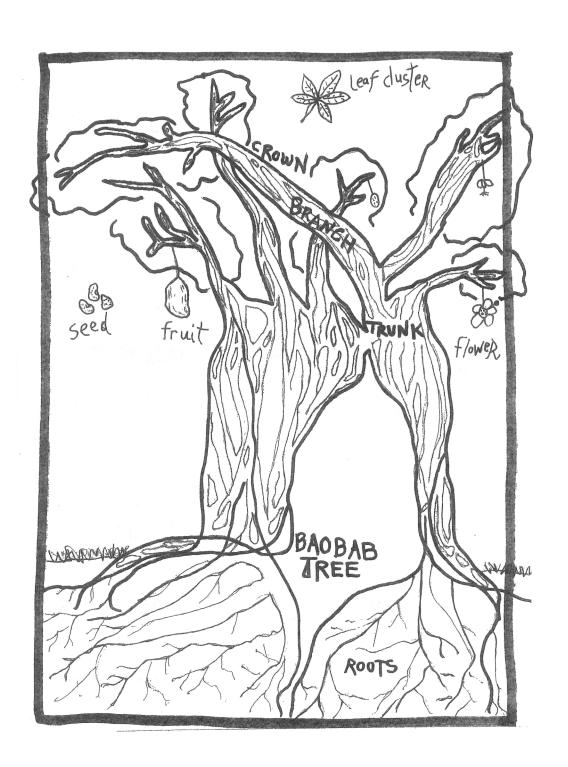
Even though plants can reproduce in other ways, Seed Production is the most effective way to ensure pure genetic diversity, and long-term success of a specie. Each Seed has the ability to root, become a plant that produces tens, hundreds, even thousands of Seeds. Seeds attempt to spread themselves as widely as possible, and we can keep up our specie cultural tradition of collecting, growing, and storing seeds

Adapted from SeedSwap --





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There are two cycles in the flower. The flower produces pollen grains in the stamens, and fruit forms from the pollinated carpels

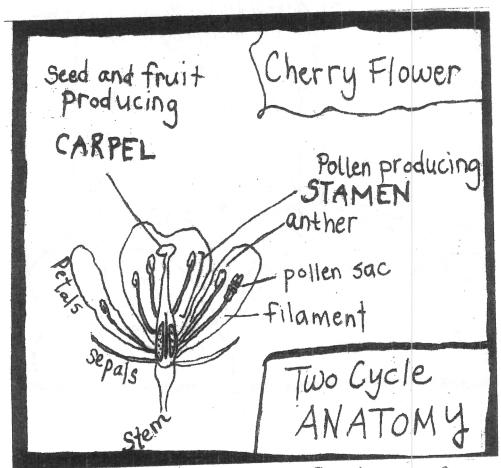
#### Flowers come in three varieties

A. stamens and carpels

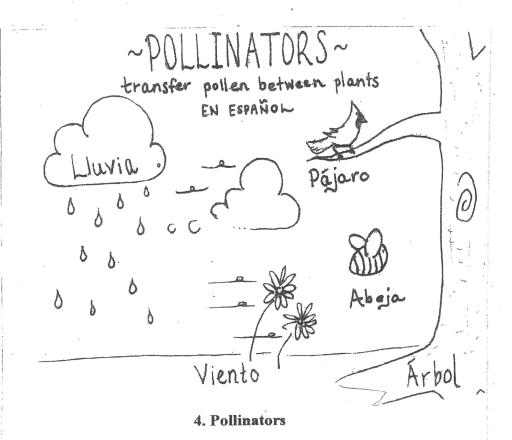
B. only stamens

C. only carpels

Most plants feature one variety of flower (dioecious), a though some plants such as cucumber have both stamens only and carpels only flower (monoecious), alternating on the vine.



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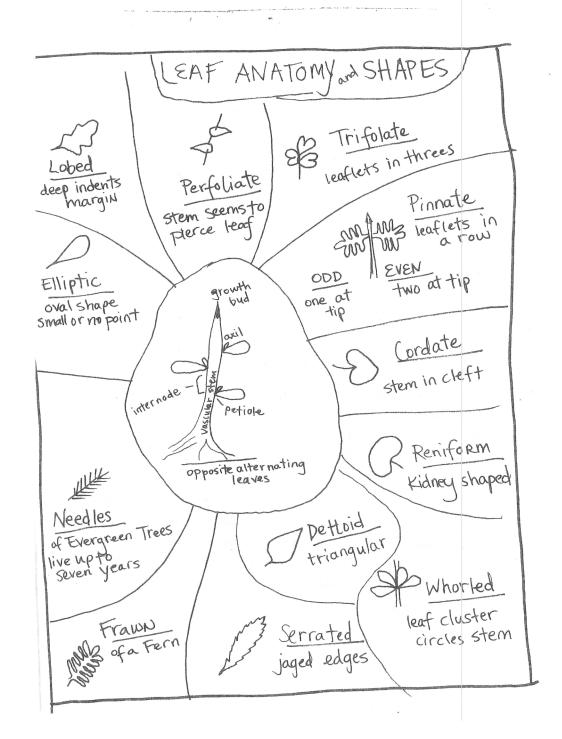
A group of elements, animals, and insects that transfer pollen between colourful flowers with dazzling patterns that give off seductive scents. Once the carpel is fertilized the use of the petals, and stamens are no longer needed, and they wither.

I detect birds, beetles, rodents, butterflies, bees the buzzing, humming breath of Weeping. I smile big, recognizing the pollinators as vital components of our ecosystem. Weeping reaches out through multiple precipitation puddles. The replenishing germinator, rain, creates tiny aquatic environments, a liquid supply to the thirsty. The pollinating ebb, and flow of wind chills me to an alert position, reminds me to stay present in every moment. I am attentive to the fully formed seeds in all directions; boldly beneficiaries.

----Excerpt from Tale of Weeping

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#### Seed Maturing .5

Seeds develop in flowers, and fruit. Leave flower heads, and fruit to mature into Seeds, which takes about one moon cycle. (A Moon cycle is in four lunar phases, as the Moon orbits Earth) When fruits are dull in colour, and limp in composition, the Seeds are ready. When flower head Seeds are dry on the stem, and detach easily they are ready.

#### Seed Dispersal .6

Another symbiotic relationship Seeds have is with the animals, and elements that spread them, such as the waterways, wind, furry animals, rain, hungry mammals, and birds. Seeds develop buoyancy, feathery parts, burs, or sticky hooks to travel long distances. Some dry flowers, and fruits spring open sending Seeds into the world.

#### Plants Natural Process of Restoration

#### Life Scope

Primary Succession: Plants that establish life on barren landscape such as clear cut, wild fire, weeded areas, glacier recession, or volcanic eruption

Secondary succession: Plants that establish in places that already have existing communities of organisms but the land has been recently disturbed (migrating animals, mowing, clearing along roadways, grazing animals, rock fall)

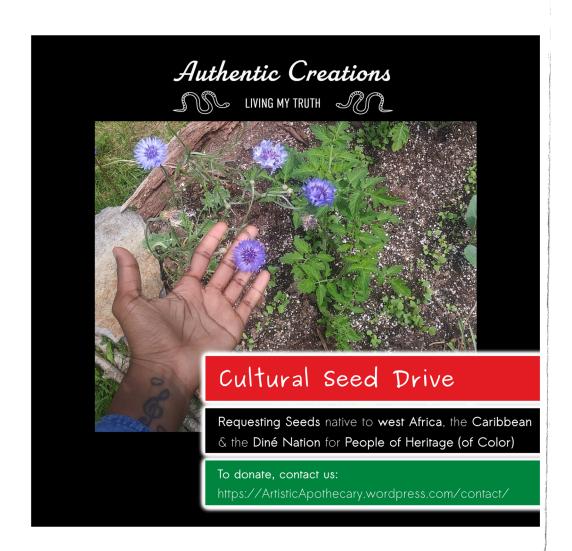
#### Succession of land

M. Barren landscape
N. Succession plants sprout
O. Releasing compacted soil
P. Increase in water available in top soil
O. Increase in shaded soil

R. Drawing up minerals through root system depositing nutrients in top soil when leaves decompose

S. Plant diversity flourishes

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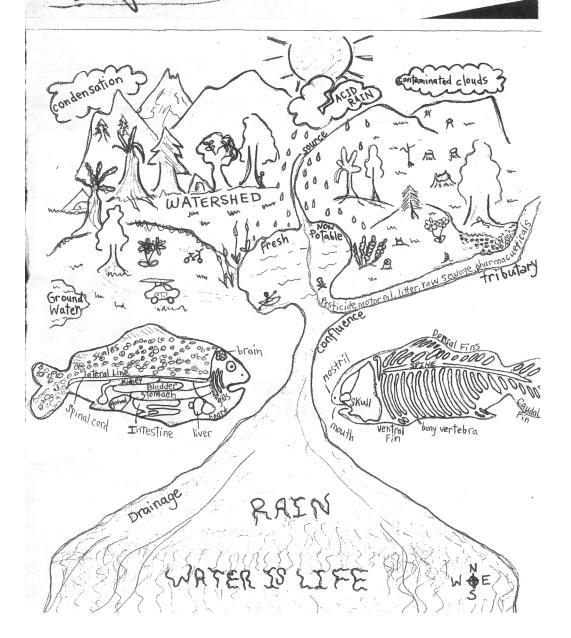


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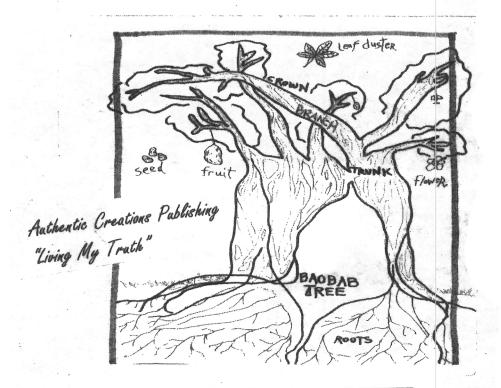
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