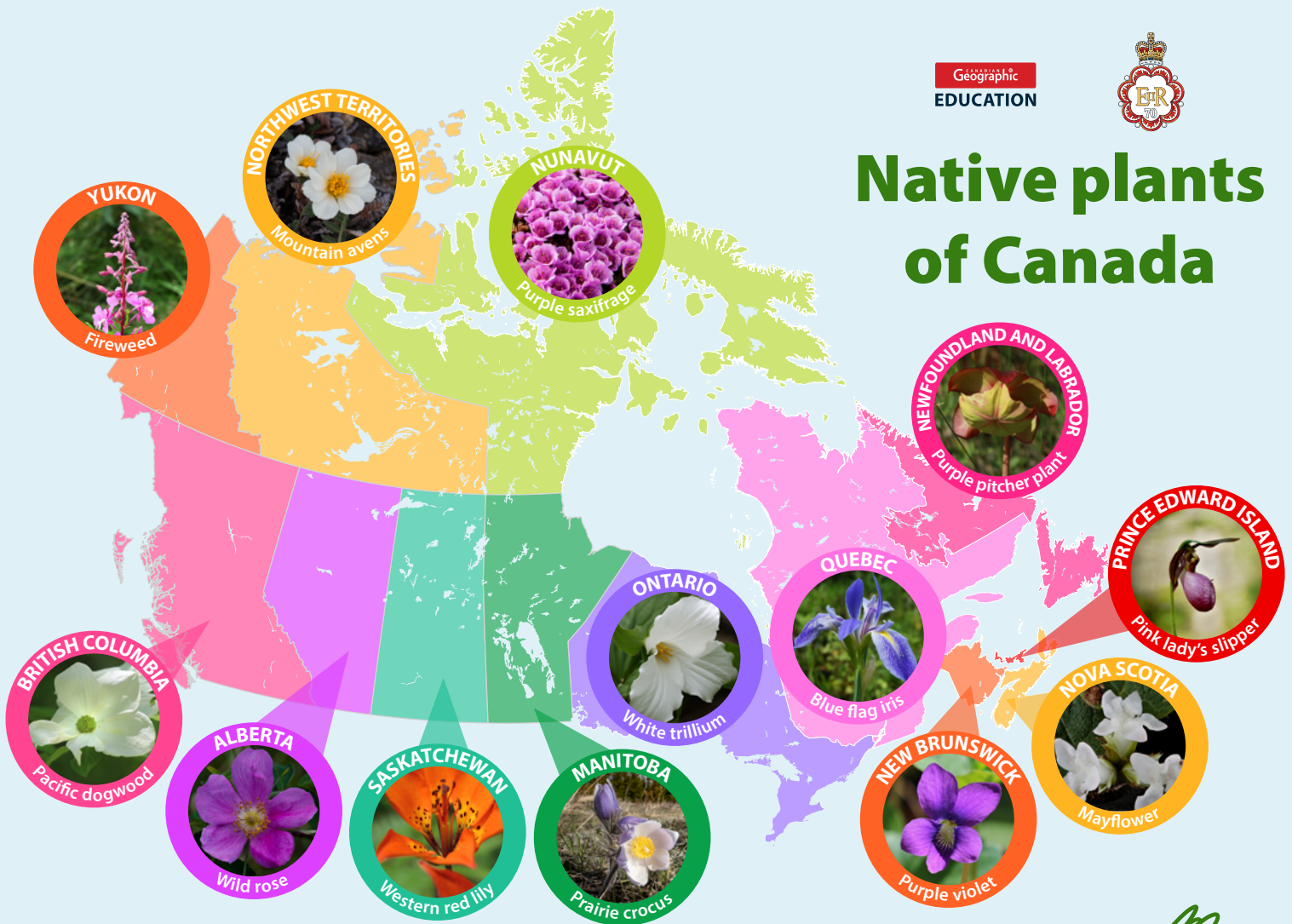
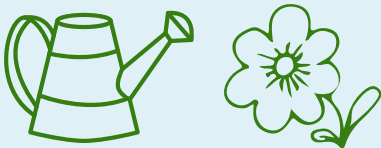


# Native plants of Canada



Did you know that the  
official flower emblems  
of our provinces and  
territories are all  
**native plants?**



## What are native plants?

Native plants are flora that are indig-  
enous to a certain region, having  
evolved naturally without interference  
from humans. Canada has more than  
3,000 native plants, which include  
trees, wildflowers, grasses, aquatic  
plants, and more!

## Why should you plant native species?



Native plants attract native  
pollinators that help support  
our ecosystems.



Plants are the main food  
source for many insects, which  
feed other animals in the food  
chain. Some native species  
rely solely on a native plant,  
like the monarch butterfly  
relies on the milkweed!



Native plants have had  
thousands of years to adapt to  
Canada's unique conditions.  
They need less maintenance  
and water than introduced  
species.



## Fun fact

Queen Elizabeth II recently  
discovered a love for gardening  
at the age of 91! To celebrate the  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee, people  
across the United Kingdom are  
encouraged to "plant a tree for the  
Jubilee" through an initiative called  
The Queen's Green Canopy. Help  
turn this into a global movement  
and consider planting one of  
Canada's native species near you!



Want to learn more? Check out  
our Queen's Jubilee resources at  
[cangeoeducation.ca](https://cangeoeducation.ca)