

PLANT WISELY!

Be a Friend to Neighbors & Nature
Practice Thoughtful Landscaping

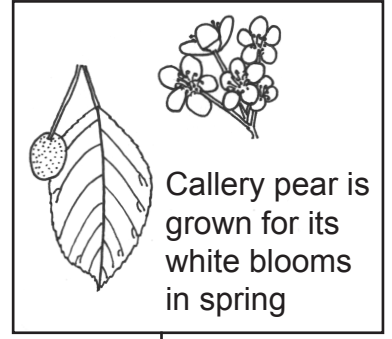
ARE
INVASIVE
SPECIES
LURKING
IN YOUR
YARD?

Find these
invasive plants
in the wordsearch

- Barberry
- Cypress spurge
- Babies breath
- Dame's rocket
- Yellow flag iris
- Knotweed
- Knapweed
- Gout weed
- Myrtle

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**DUMPING
YARD
WASTE IN
THE WOODS
CAUSES
INVASIVES
TO SPREAD**

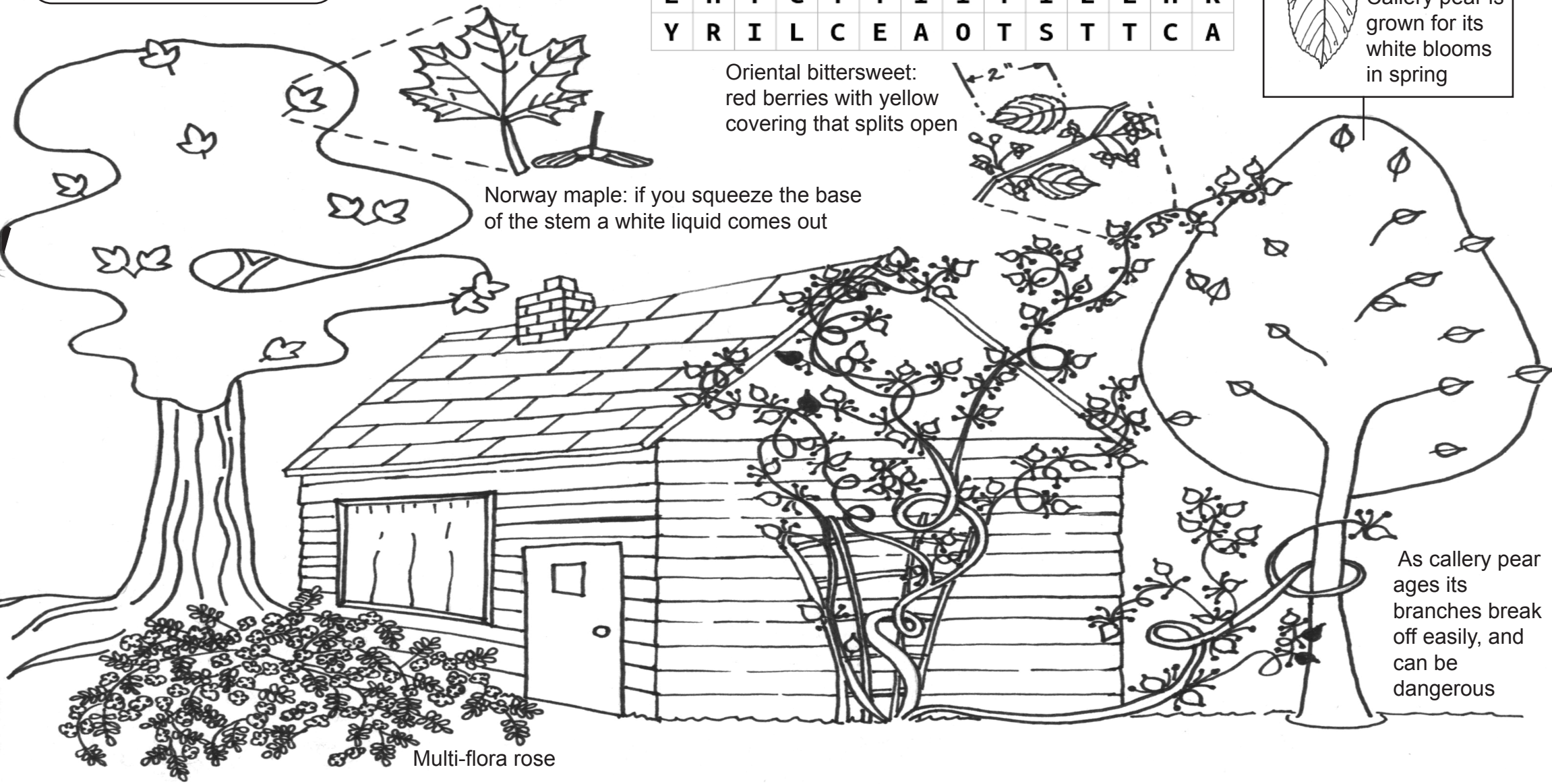


Callery pear is grown for its white blooms in spring

Oriental bittersweet: red berries with yellow covering that splits open

Norway maple: if you squeeze the base of the stem a white liquid comes out

As callery pear ages its branches break off easily, and can be dangerous



Multi-flora rose

STOP THE SPREAD!

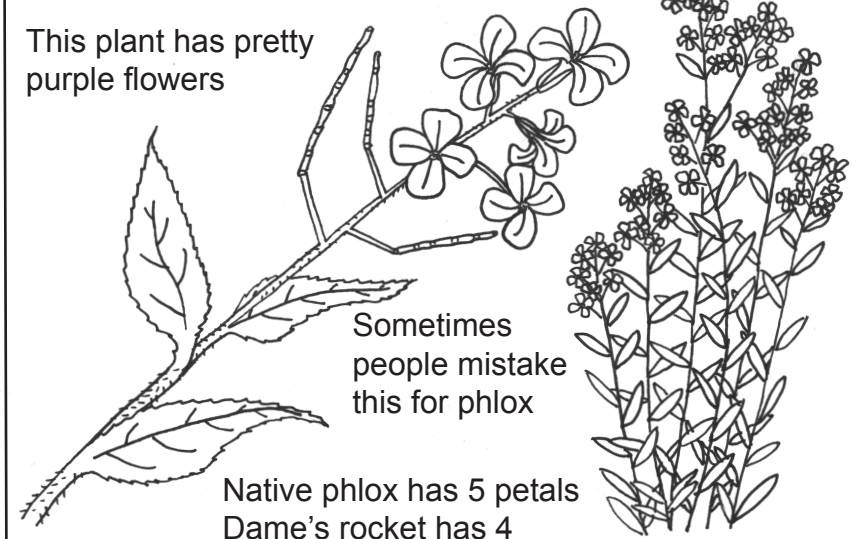
Japanese barberry



Birds love these berries and carry the seeds to the forest in their droppings. Once in the forest these shrubs form dense thickets that alter ecosystems.

Dame's rocket

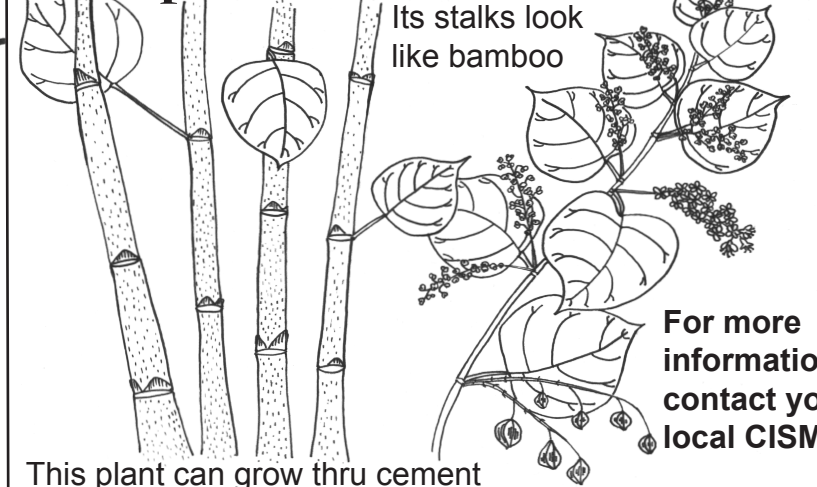
This plant has pretty purple flowers



Sometimes people mistake this for phlox

Native phlox has 5 petals
Dame's rocket has 4

Japanese knotweed



Its stalks look like bamboo

For more information contact your local CISMA

This plant can grow thru cement

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