



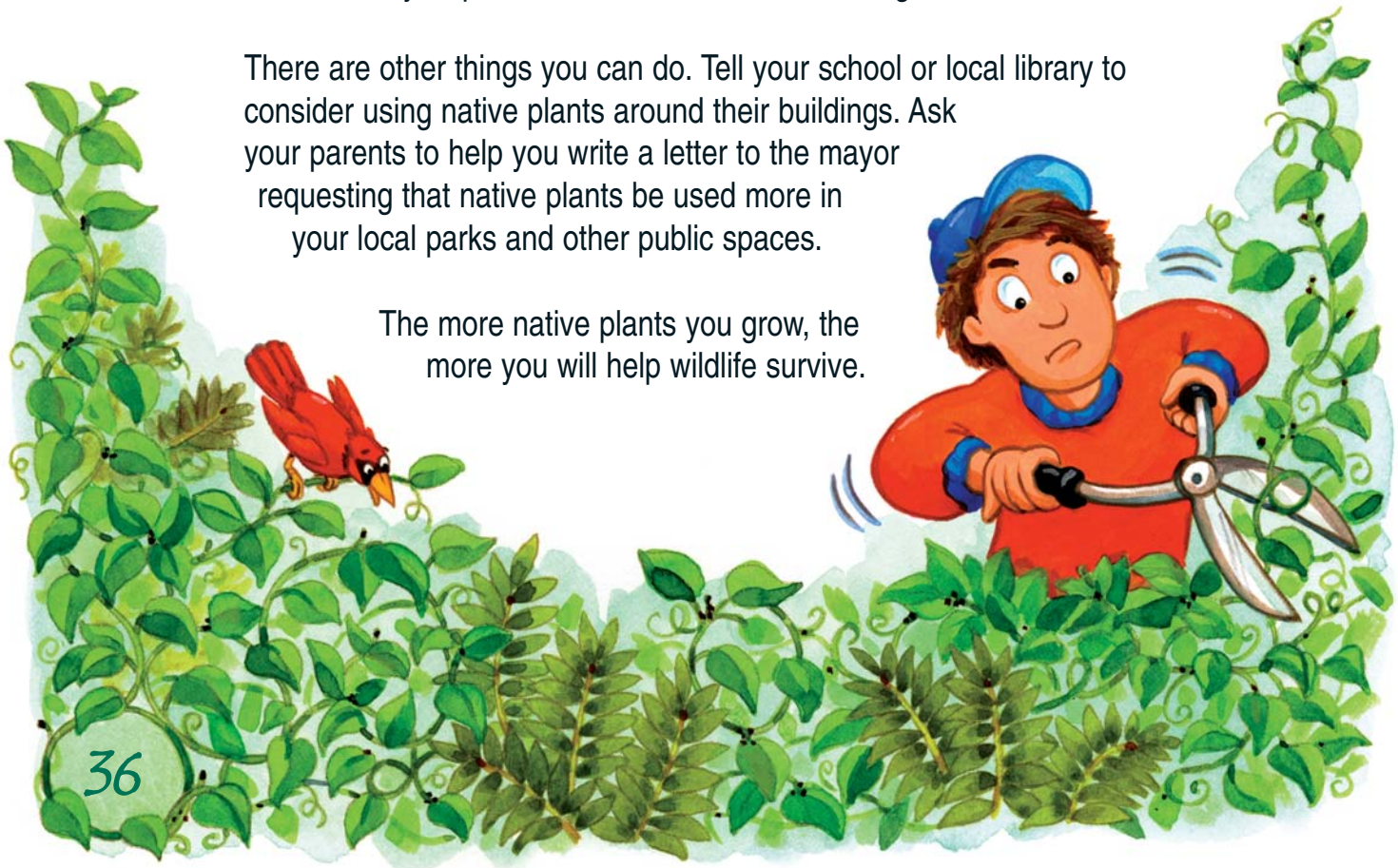
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PLANT SOMETHING NATIVE

This spring, when you help your parents plant flowers and bushes in your yard, ask them to buy native plants. These are plants that are not imported from other states or countries—they are found naturally in your area. They provide food and shelter for butterflies, birds, and many other wild animals. They also are better for the environment because they require less water and chemicals to grow.

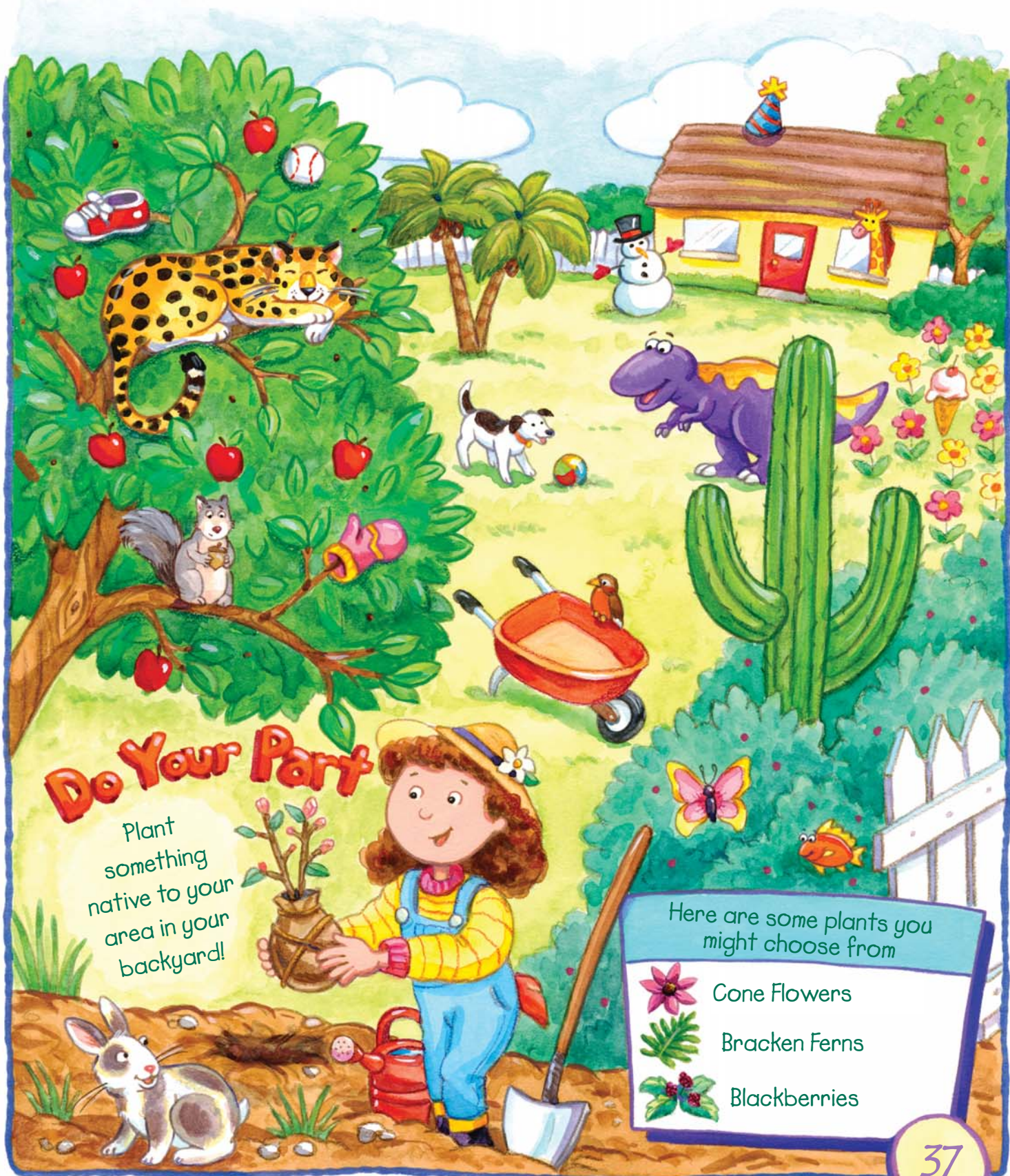
There are other things you can do. Tell your school or local library to consider using native plants around their buildings. Ask your parents to help you write a letter to the mayor requesting that native plants be used more in your local parks and other public spaces.

The more native plants you grow, the more you will help wildlife survive.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Some of the plants in this typical Midwestern backyard scene do not belong. Find and circle twelve things, including two plants, that should not be in the picture.



Do Your Part

Plant something native to your area in your backyard!

Here are some plants you might choose from

-  Cone Flowers
-  Bracken Ferns
-  Blackberries