

# PLANT HUNTER'S DIARY & QUIZ

Imagine you are a  
plant hunter exploring  
a wild glen in the  
Himalayan mountains.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Your mission is to find beautiful plants that gardeners can grow at Crarae.**

Good plant hunters are very observant and carefully note down in a diary what they see. Inside are some questions that the Crarae gardeners would like you to answer.

As you explore, look out for clues that will help you.

## QUIZ

**1** As you start your walk, look out for the mysterious heap of stones. Many years ago, what did this used to be?

- ☐ a) An enclosure wall for cows      ☐ b) A burial cairn      ☐ c) A bus shelter

**2** Plant hunters often meet wild animals on their journey. Have you spotted any yet? There are some special 'animals' along this trail – don't forget to note them all down.

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**3** Which plant does one of these animals need to survive in the wild in China?

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**4** This glen is famous for rhododendrons. *Dendron* is a Greek word meaning tree. What does *rhodo* mean?

- ☐ a) Green      ☐ b) Tall      ☐ c) Rose      ☐ d) Palm

**5** Which of these looks like a rhododendron flower?



**6** Why is Crarae Garden said to be like the Himalayas?

- ☐ a) Plants from the Himalayas grow well here.      ☐ b) It is over 3,000m (approx. 10,000ft) above sea level.      ☐ c) Sir Everest Himalaya made a garden here.

**7** In which month do the maple leaves turn red, pink and yellow?

- ☐ a) April      ☐ b) August      ☐ c) October

**8** What is the name of the loch that you can see from here?

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**9** What is a eucalyptus?

☐ a) A tree

☐ b) A bird

☐ c) A fish

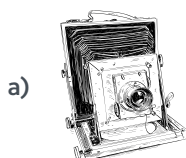
**10** Which of these plants did you find today?

☐ a) Eucalyptus

☐ b) Maple

☐ c) Rhododendron

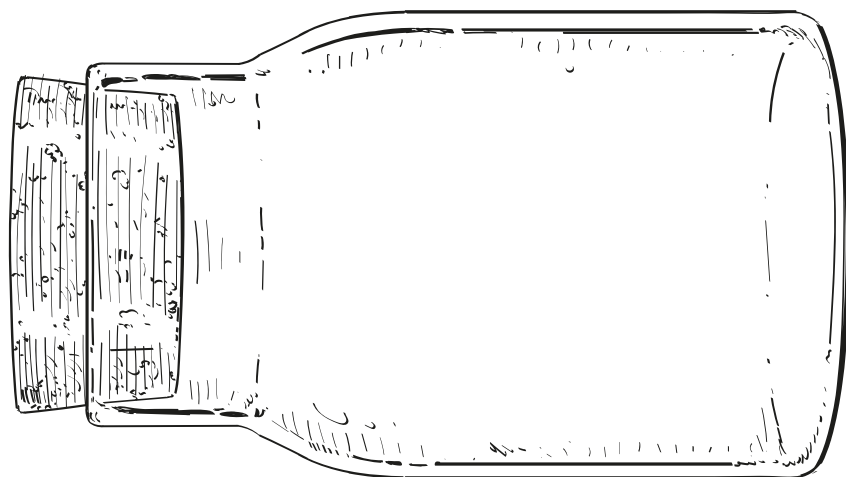
**11** If you were exploring here 100 years ago, which object below would you NOT have had in your plant hunter's bag?



**12** How many rings can you count on the tree stump? How old was the tree when it fell?

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**13** Draw the plant you liked best today in the specimen jar below.



# YOUR DIARY

**14** Fill in your diary about your trip. Perhaps you could include who was with you, where you explored, what plants you discovered, which was your favourite, and what you will remember most about today?

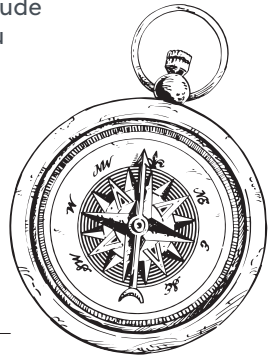
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**15** Imagine you have discovered a new plant! It will be named in your honour. Plants have a common name and a scientific name, often written in Latin.

For example: a plant found by Reginald Farrer may be called Reginald's rhododendron, *Rhododendron reginaldae* or *Rhododendron farrerii*.

Perhaps you will call your plant after yourself, or your granny ... or even your pet! Write down the name you have chosen.

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## Answers:

- 1) b – 1 point
- 2) 1 point for each animal you spot
- 3) Bamboo – 1 point
- 4) c – 1 point
- 5) c – 1 point
- 6) a – 1 point
- 7) c – 1 point
- 8) Loch Fyne – 1 point

## Score:

- 1–5 Come again soon and explore some more.
- 6–10 You are very good at spotting things in the garden.
- 11–15 Ace score – you have what it takes to be a plant hunter.
- 16+ Brilliant! You are Crarae's top explorer. Off to the real Himalayas on your next trip.

- 9) a – 1 point
- 10) 1 point for each
- 11) c – 1 point
- 12) 1 point for each
- 13) 3 points for a drawing
- 14) 3 points for a diary entry
- 15) 1 point for each part of the name