

SUGGESTIONS FOR NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA FROM COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

1. The feedback suggests that the art should focus more on species that are unique to the **Jemez Mountains/Pajarito Plateau**, specifically those that attract and feed native birds and pollinators.
2. The feedback expressed concerns about the artwork's color scheme being too tropical rather than fitting the local mountain or Southwest aesthetic.
3. It was suggested to work with the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) [the local Nature Center in Los Alamos] to ensure the right species are chosen for the artwork.

Flora: emphasizing a **year-round presence** of species over short-season plants.

1. **Prickly pear cactus flower** - Suggested as an alternative to the daisy flower in the art piece.
2. **Gaillardia/blanket flower:** Criticized as a cultivated flower that doesn't reflect native flora. Suggestions for native plants include **columbine, penstemon, pinewoods geranium, New Mexico locust, and Indian paintbrush**, all of which have bright colors.
3. **Cholla flowers** (Yellow or pink)
4. **Apricots** (for fruit representation)
5. **Yucca**
6. **Sunset wildflowers**
7. **Cacti**

Fauna:

1. **Eurasian collared dove** - A bird species featured in the sample artwork but noted as non-native to the area. A more appropriate alternative might be the **Mourning dove**.
2. **Spotted towhee, acorn woodpecker, canyon wren, mountain bluebird, western tanager:** Suggested as alternative bird species to represent local wildlife.
3. **Roadrunner** - Suggested as a replacement for the dove, which is more representative of New Mexico wildlife.
4. **Turkey**
5. **Deer**
6. **Bear**
7. **Pollinators:** A strong call to include them for sustainability [Los Alamos has been given a Bee City Designation]
8. **Coyote**
9. **Crows**
10. **Blue morpho butterfly:** Described as a tropical butterfly that doesn't belong in the Los Alamos area, but possibly a smaller, native blue butterfly such as the **Lupine Blue** or **Echo Azure** would be more appropriate; **Swallowtail**