EUROPEANA'S COLOURING BOOK
Botanical illustration
Biodiversity is beautiful!

But what is it? It’s a term that encourages us to think about all the different kinds of life that exist in the natural world. It’s animals, plants, bugs, fungi and ecosystems. It took over three billion years to evolve, and all humans, our communities and future generations depend on it!

We hope this colouring book featuring botanical illustrations selected from content available from the Europeana website will provide you some beautiful moments of mindfulness.
THE HERBAL
OR GENERALL
HISTORIE OF
PLANTES.
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The herball or, generall historie of plantes
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Wortel (Daucus carota) en rode bes (Ribes rubrum)
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Eight plants, including two orchids, a crocus and some tulips: flowering stems. Coloured etching, c. 1837 - 1837. Wellcome Collection, United Kingdom - CC BY.
Des toutes sortes des racines, fleurs et fruits
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Indigenous to the Bahamas, cascarilla ("little bark") was imported into Europe by the Spaniards about 1650. From its similarity in appearance to Cinchona, it first was employed as a febrifuge. Due to its aromatic fragrance when burned, small quantities of cascarilla formerly were mixed with tobacco. Vertigo and slight intoxicating effects frequently were observed by smokers of the mixture. Bark from the species Croton eluteria constitutes medicinal cascarilla. In powder form or as an infusion, this mild aromatic bitter is used principally as a stomachic.
Three flowering plants: two mariposa lilies (Calochortus species) and a lupin (Lupinus nanus)
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