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HIDDEN ROOTS

Plants are show-offs in the spring. Colorful flowers are everywhere.



Color me red!



Color me yellow!



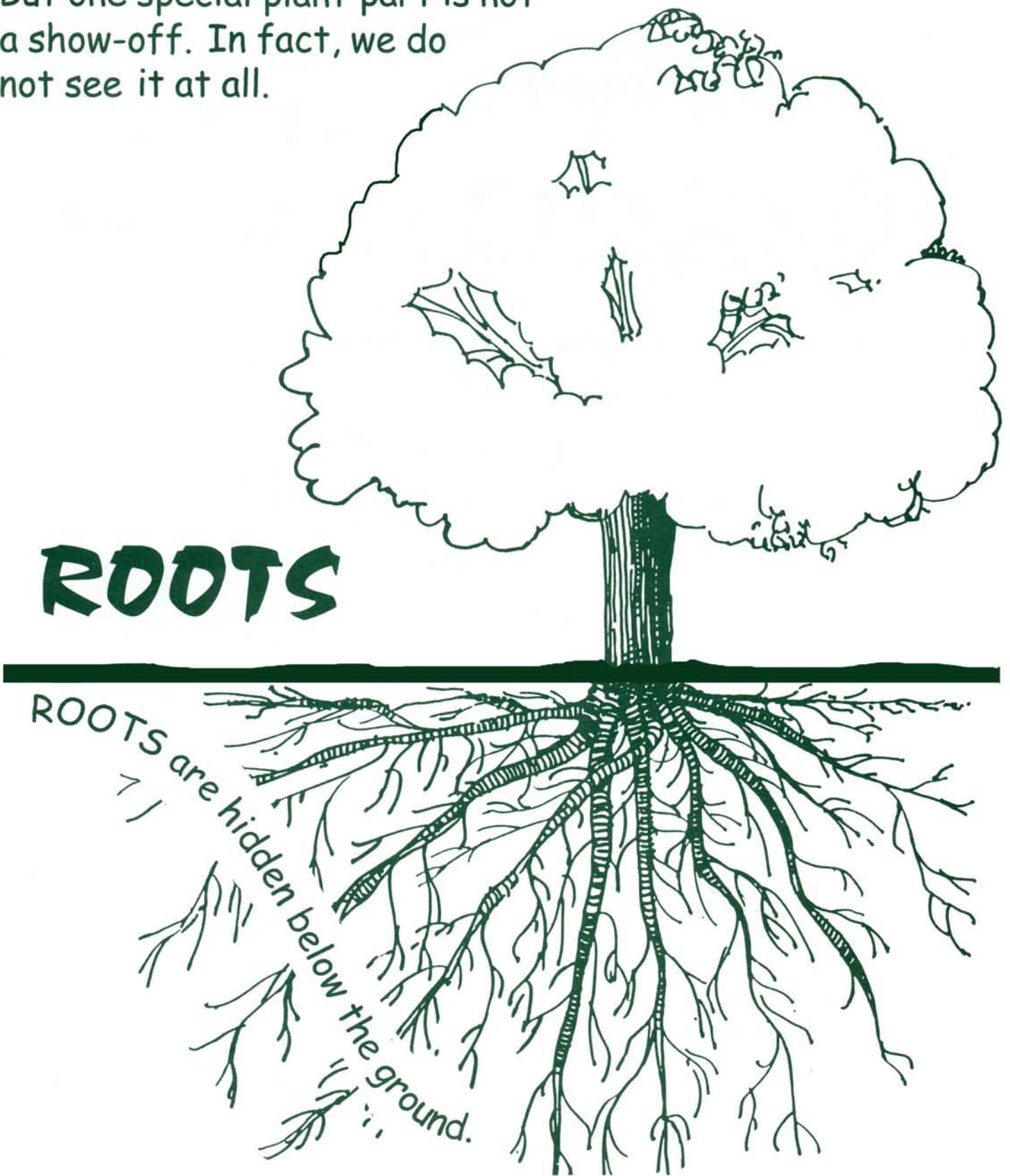
Color me purple!

Trees are filled with pretty leaves.
Color the leaves green!



But one special plant part is not a show-off. In fact, we do not see it at all.

ROOTS



Roots help a plant get what it needs from the soil. Water and minerals are soaked up by roots and sent to the leaves.

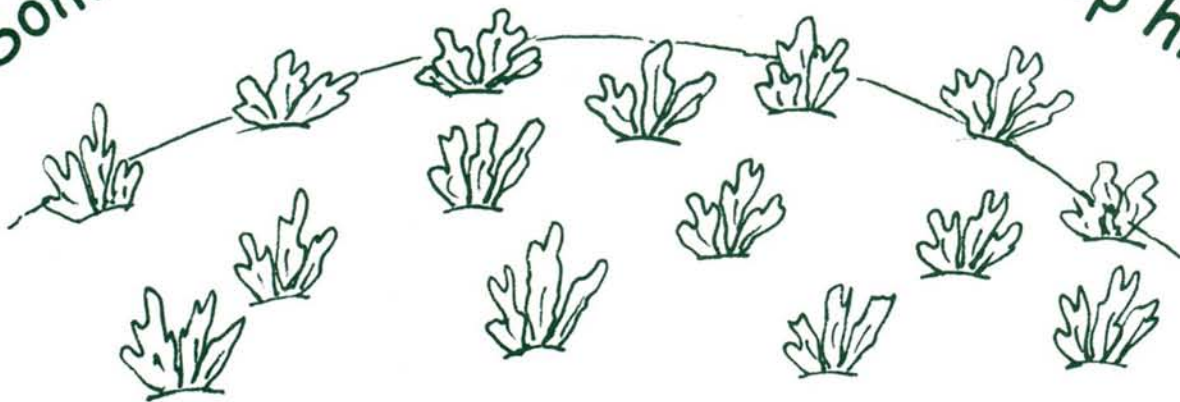
Roots have another important job. They hold the plant in place. If there were no roots, plants would blow or wash away!



Tall, heavy trees would fall over on a stormy day.



Sometimes people put plants on steep hills.

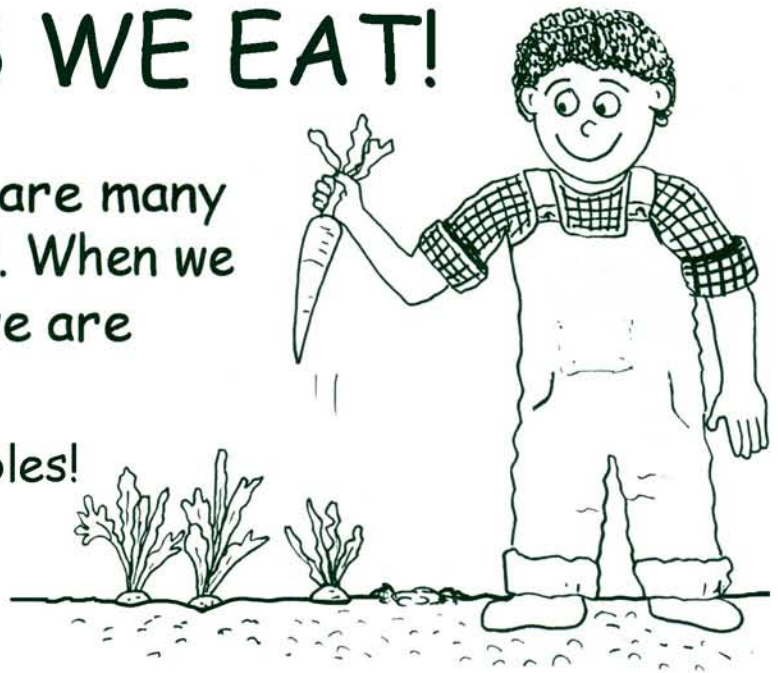


The roots go down into the soil. They keep the soil from washing away in the rain.

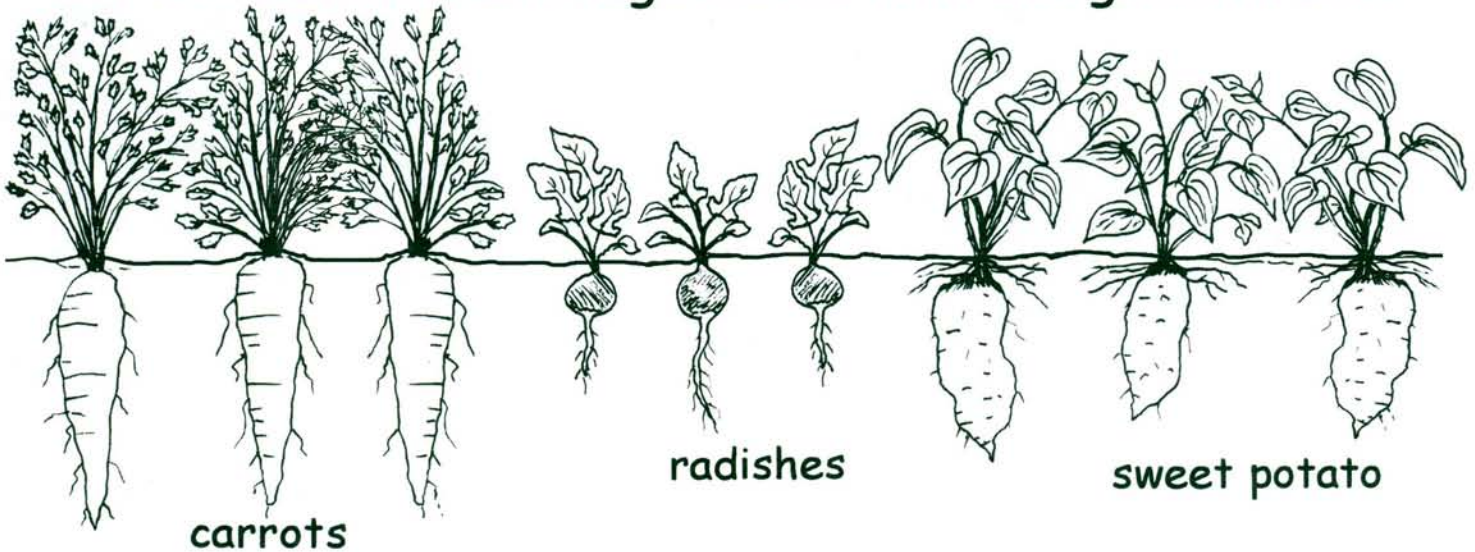
ROOTS WE EAT!

In a spring garden, there are many parts of plants that we eat. When we eat a leaf, stem or root, we are eating a **VEGETABLE**.

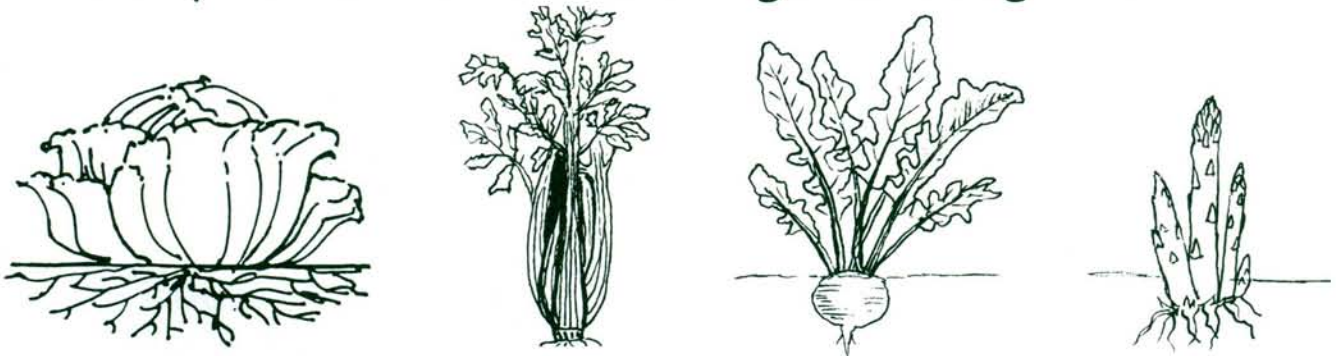
Color the boy and the vegetables!



Here are some root vegetables that are good to eat.



Can you name these other garden vegetables?



answers: lettuce, celery, turnips, asparagus