



Nutmeg fruit and seeds illustrated by Johannes Kentmann.



Botanical Encounter is a collaborative mapping project online at botanical-encounter.com. The project is inspired by the 16-century naturalist book *Codex Kentmanus*. The book consists of illustrations from the German physician Johannes Kentmann, prints by his son Theophil Kentmann, and contributions by other artists and scholars through exchanges and collaborations. It is a book of art and science celebrating human-plant encounter and knowledge exchange. You can learn more about the book by visiting the exhibition "Land. Fluss. Kentmanus." at the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek's Studienzentrum.

During his study trip to Italy, Johannes met the plants he hadn't known before and started to paint them in detail. These artworks became one of the earliest collections of botanical illustrations. Inspired by it, Johannes' son Theophil Kentmann documented his local plants in Germany with natural self-printing. Plant parts were colored with black soot or charcoal ink, then rubbed by hand onto a paper. The resulting prints were later colored with verdigris solution and other pigments.

And you? What is your most memorable encounter with plants?

Were you moved by their stunning colors, unforgettable fragrance, or magical healing power? Draw or print the plants on the backside of this paper and write down your story, take a photo of it and upload it to the *Map of Botanical Encounters!*



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Don't have a plant in mind? It's time to meet one! Take this card with you for a walk. Stop at the first plant that catches your attention. Look at the plant, smell it, feel it. Describe the plant in your way and share it with us! You can also check out the *Map of Botanical Encounter* for more inspiration!

