Stop 120 Kid’s Tour – Show House Overview

Look around at the plants in this greenhouse. Are there any with colorful flower petals that catch your eye? Now go ahead and breathe in the air. (sfx: crowd - ahhh)… Do you smell something good? That’s what this room is all about. Fragrance. If you were a butterfly or bee (sfx: buzzing) on the lookout for a nice meal of sugary nectar which plant would you land on? Many plants use their “scent” in the same way humans use perfume: to get noticed. Others use their smell to make predators go away! (sfx: brakes screeching, motor racing off) The good news is, most of the plants in this room have sweet-smelling flowers or leaves. But they aren’t trying to attract us! (sfx: whistle) They’re trying to get bees, moths or even bats to drop by for a tasty snack. In return, the plants get a little help with pollination so they can produce seeds that will develop into new plants for the future.

This Greenhouse is filled with fragrant plants all year-round. The plants not only smell good but have lots of other uses too. As you walk around, see if you can find plants you can use in cooking like rosemary. Or how about a plant like eucalyptus? It is the mainstay of the koala bear’s diet in Australia. Although humans don’t cook with eucalyptus, it is used to make medicine like cough drops. Maybe that’s why you never hear a koala bear cough!