

# Botanists

## *Official Variant*

These rules were designed to address some of the concerns that some players had expressed when playing the published version. To us, the rules as are is still our preferred way of playing Botanists, since we do love the unpredictable nature of the market and the adaptability it demands of players. Some players however were hoping for a little more control and predictability so that they might plan their moves in advance. As such we decided to use this variant, which is based on a new game concept we are currently working on and which uses the core system Violaine designed for Botanists.

The game remains unchanged with the exception of only two aspects:

### **1) Setting up the market**

During set-up proceed as follows: instead of randomly drawing 25 flowers from the bag to place on the market, instead, spread out all the flowers on the play area and select 5 flowers of each type (green, red, blue, yellow and purple) for a total of 25 flowers. Shuffle these (you can use the bag for this purpose) and now place these flowers face up on the market. You will have an equal number of flowers of each type available on the market when starting the game. Leave all the remaining flowers in a face up general supply on the play area.

### **2) Collecting flowers during the market action**

The market action remains unchanged except for how you collect flowers. After you moved your pawn and played out the card you want to use, you now collect the flowers from the general supply instead of taking them from the market. This means that the market remains unchanged both in the way it is arranged, as well as in the number of flowers of each colour. So you can think of the market as a “reference board” that tells you what flowers you should take from the general supply. As per original rules, other player pawns falling within the shape of your card still block the flowers they stand on (so you would not collect the respective flowers from the general supply). On the other hand, the flower your pawn stands on, is still collected from the general supply. This means that in a 4 player game you still collect a minimum of 1 flower per turn.

### **The Purple Bonus Action**



Please note that you are still allowed to change a flower from your marginal land with a flower from the market. In this case, you simply choose any flower from the general supply you'd like to receive in exchange for one in your marginal land.

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