

Sometimes, the gardening comes first; sometimes, the sketching comes first. But my urban garden always has something to show me.

These are sketches from life, in biro, pencil, fineliner, watercolour and ink, on handed-down paper.



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WATER, COLOUR

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2/10/23
Sunflower seed
bought in 10 d



A small harvest of small
tomatoes, some with
doublet splits from sun
and rain showers 29/09/23



Roses blooming in front of
blousy bushes, all the pinks,
reds and yellows, buds like
stubs of hips here. 25/06/23



Papelle petals - roses going away
pinnings 14/11/23



25/06/23
Wildsweet ferns. These will bloom
Scrapveld, pink but in bud,
they're delicate vintage pastel.



Borage coming into flower,
next step for the bees and
here they go! (gamed as
some very late broad beans!)



Bumble bee turned into a pupa
only bee makes it go 14/10/03
later, found queen by a hairy bee)



Bull-tail bumble busy on itself
in the hydrangea - and it's the
little flowers this after 09/10 8/07



02/10/23
Seed everywhere, repairing the gaps...
Soft feathery grass which I only noticed
as I pushed it has delicate purple flowers



No-min meadow flowers
before the first snow of
June 02/10/23



Galapagos
A palette of tomatoes
on a hot September Saturday



A small harvest of chili,
the first red one, also richly
patented with hot small
tomatoes of 1/10/23



28/09/23
Drawn after seed harvest
The ash is shiny
green and pink color
of poppy seed heads



Hollyhocks
like the shiny green,
the seed pods
reminiscent of
Paris Autumn
Knitting 21/10/23



The first alpine
strawberry from
the West Ham
alps. 02.06.23



01/10/23
large leaf, small fruit.
Fruit white to deep rose.



Bendy or not... tomatoes
brought in before Autumn
chills them 28/10/23



Head
my