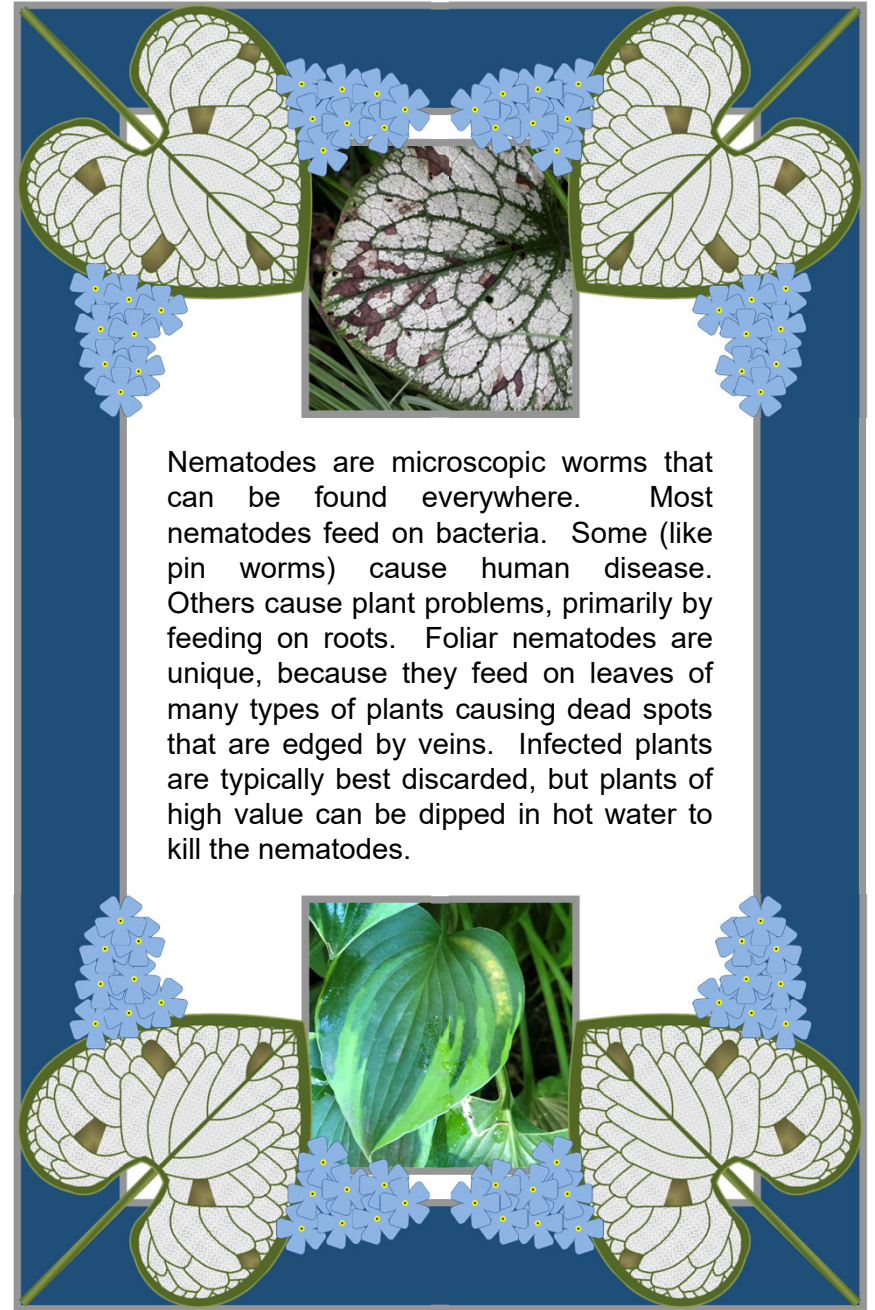




*On Brunnera nematodes crawl,
With mouthparts akin to an awl.
As their repasts they take,
Vein-edged spots do they make,
On the leaves that they thoroughly maul.*



Nematodes are microscopic worms that can be found everywhere. Most nematodes feed on bacteria. Some (like pin worms) cause human disease. Others cause plant problems, primarily by feeding on roots. Foliar nematodes are unique, because they feed on leaves of many types of plants causing dead spots that are edged by veins. Infected plants are typically best discarded, but plants of high value can be dipped in hot water to kill the nematodes.