

# Weird Plants

What is the weirdest plant?

**Tallest?**

**SMALLEST?**

**smelliest?**

**UGLIEST?**

**Most**

**LUCKIEST?**

**dangerous?**

**strange life  
cycle?**

**BIGGEST  
LEAF?**

**Smallest leaf?**

Make a list of  
facts. Draw a  
diagram/picture.  
draw a map to  
show where it  
lives.

**PLANT A SEED, TAKE PHOTOS AS IT GROWS.**

**Show us what you've done!**

**Send us your work! It can  
be writing, pictures, video**

Find out your plants  
Latin name can you  
say it and find out  
what it means?

**Send your work to:**

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**we'd love to see.**

Here are some of the Weird plants and flowers, I have found while researching.

# T A L L E S T PLANT



## FACTS ABOUT THE TALLEST TREE

At 379.1 feet tall

The tallest tree in the world is Hyperion

a coast redwood ( *Sequoia sempervirens* )

found in the Redwood National Park, California.

LATIN MEANING – Flourishing or vigorous

## SMALLEST PLANT



### FACTS ABOUT THE SMALLEST PLANT

Found all over the planet

The world's smallest flowering plant is the watermeal, or *Wolffia globosa*

This bright green oval plant is about the size of a grain of rice!

LATIN MEANING – Floating weed

## LARGEST LEAF IN THE WORLD



### Facts about the largest leaf in the world

Native habitat of South-eastern Brazil

The leaves can grow up to 2 metres wide and 3.4 metres long

Record breaking 25.11 metres long

Largest leaf in the world is the *Raphia regalis* (type of palm tree)

LATIN MEANING - Royal

### Smallest leaf in the world



## FACTS ABOUT THE SMALLEST LEAF

The smallest seems to be **Wolffia Angusta**

It is small enough to go through the eye of an ordinary needle.

It is the undisputed world's smallest flowering plant a minute rootless plants that float at the surface of quiet streams and ponds.

**LATIN MEANING - Floating narrow plant**

### LUCKY PLANTS



## FACTS ABOUT LUCKY PLANTS

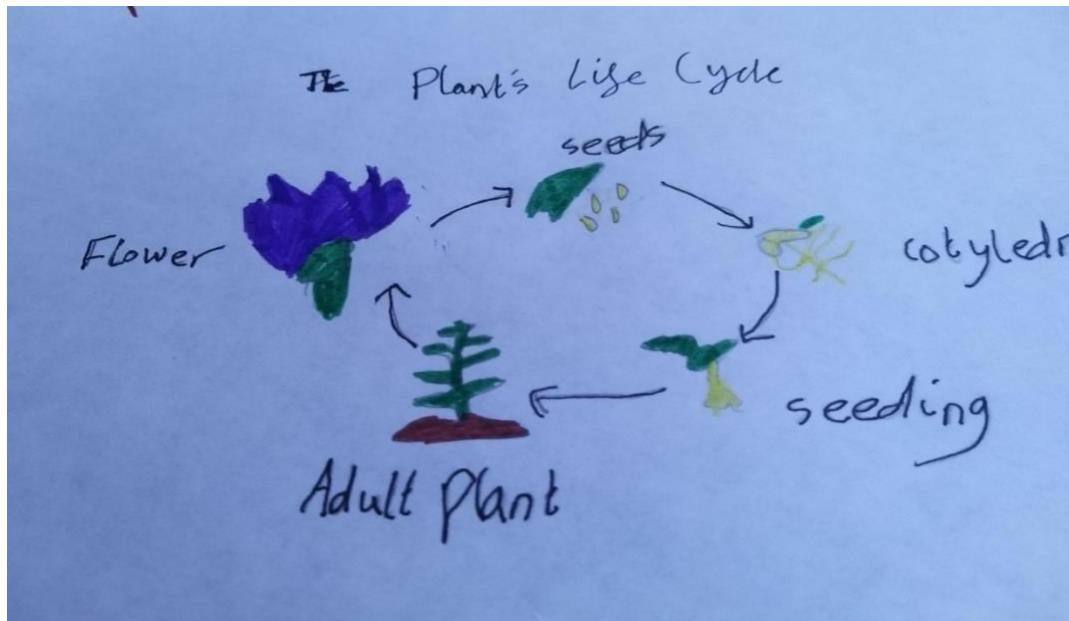
Pachira Money Tree Money tree plants are native from Mexico to northern South America – Paricha Aquatica

The plants get their name because the Feng Shui practice believes it will bring luck to the owner of this fun little plant

The trees can get up to 60 feet in their native habitats but are more commonly small, potted ornamental specimens.

**LATIN MEANING – 'Aquatic'**

## Plant Life Cycle



## Most Dangerous Plant



Deadly nightshade (*Atropa belladonna*)

### FACTS ABOUT Dangerous plant

Deadly nightshade has purple-green, bell-shaped flowers

They are found southern half of the UK in woodland, along paths and in scrubby areas

All parts of the plant are toxic - but the berries are especially poisonous

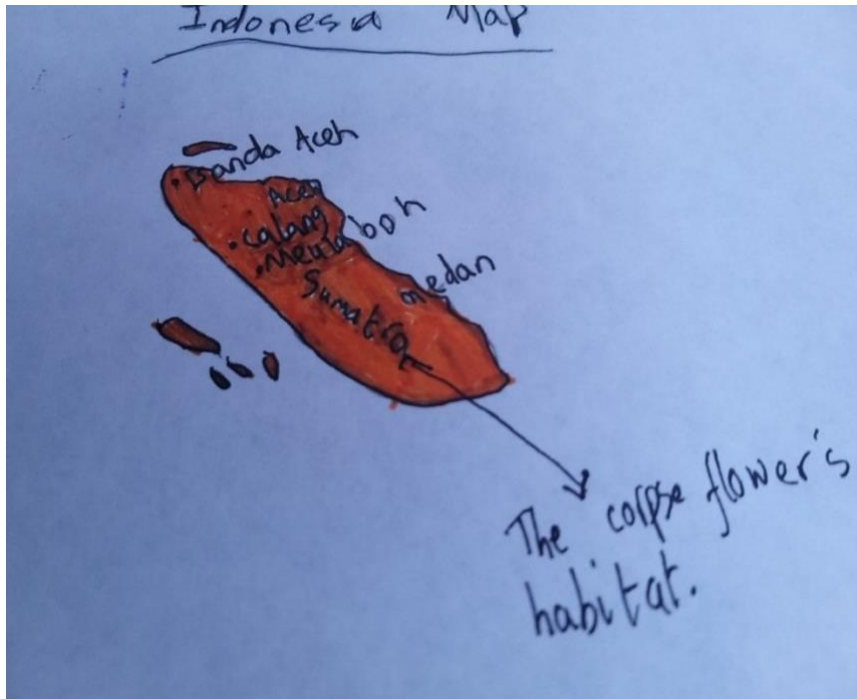
Atropa Belladonna is Known in Italian as beautiful lady.

**LATIN MEANING** – Changes and gets bigger.



## MY FAVOURITE, THE UGILIEST AND IT'S THE SMELLIEST

The Corpse Flower is the most interesting one to me - it is the largest and most unusual flower in the world.



## *Amorphophallus titanum* Meaning – Genus of plants



Why? *because it emits an odour resembling dead, rotting flesh. Corpse flowers smell bad. Really bad. Peak stink time is usually very late at night.*



## FUN FACTS ABOUT WIERDIEST PLANTS

- An average size tree can provide enough wood to make 170,100 pencils
- The first type of aspirin, painkiller and fever reducer came from the tree bark of a willow tree
- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean.
- Bananas contain a natural chemical which can make people feel happy
- Brazil is named after a tree
- The Rose is considered the most beautiful flower in the world
- Bamboo is the strongest plant in the world