

Weird and wonderful plants

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Smallest plant

Name: Watermeal

Latin Name: *Wolffia globosa*

Where does it grow: Found all over the world, usually floating in masses in freshwater lakes.

Interesting Facts: The watermeal is about the size of a grain of rice.
The watermeal Quickly absorbs the minerals the need for growth,
As well as other organic nutrients, from the water there floating
In.



Most dangerous plant

Name: Monkshood or Wolfsbane

Latin name: *Aconitum napellus*

Where does it grow: It grows in mountainous regions of Central Asia, Russia, Europe and Great Britain.

Interesting facts: This plant is from the Ranunculaceae family and grows to a height of 3 ft (1 m). It has dark green, glossy leaves and dark blue flowers.

It look beautiful and harmless, but all parts of the plant are poisonous

In ancient times, people would use it on their arrow tips.



Tallest plant

Name: Redwood Tree

Latin name: *Sequoiadenendron giganteum*

Where does it grow:

They once were found throughout much of the Northern Hemisphere, today redwoods are only found on the coast from central California through southern Oregon.

Interesting facts: They can live up to 2,000 years. The oldest Redwood known was 2,200. They grow to over 300ft and the biggest to are 376.7 feet (115.7 m) tall. It is also known as the for being the tallest tree in the world.

Many animals, birds and insects live in the tops of the trees (the canopy). They have thick skins which can be about 12 inches thick.



Smelliest plant

Name: Corpse flower

Latin Name: Titan Arum (*Amorphophallus Titanum*)

Where does it grow: The corpse flower is endemic to western Sumatra, an island in southeast Asia in western Indonesia, where it grows in rainforests on limestone hills.

Interesting facts: When it blooms the flower produces its own heat to help spread the smell and attract pollinators. The flower is only open for 48 hours and attracts insect pollinators with its stench of rotting flesh. It's the largest flowering structure on Earth, growing up to three metres tall.



Luckiest

Name: Lucky bamboo

Latin Name: Dracaena sanderiana

Where does it grow: Lucky Bamboo is often billed as a low light houseplant. Even though it does well in natural light, it'll burn with too much sun. Lucky Bamboo originated in Southeast Asia.

Interesting facts: it has been used for 5,000 years in the practice of Feng Shui.

Lucky Bamboo is said to bring health, love, and luck to whoever possesses it.

The leaves of this plant can grow up to one inch per month.

