

# RICE



*"I like rice. Rice is great if you're hungry and want 2000 of something."*

*- Mitch Ehrenborg*



### **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Rice grows in tropical marshes. People in China have been growing rice nearly 10,000 years.

### **How old can I get? ▶▶**

Rice plants live 4 to 5 months.

### **How big can I get?**

Rice plants grow 3 to 6 feet tall.



### **Who eats me? ◀◀**

Birds, deer, and people eat rice.

### **What do my seeds look like?**

The seeds look like the rice we eat. It may be possible to grow rice from grocery store rice if it's fresh enough.



### **Fun Fact**

With a little oil, heat, and shaking, you can pop rice just like popcorn!



# WHEAT



*"Wisdom, Power and Goodness meet In the bounteous field of wheat."*

*- Hannah Flagg Gould*



### **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Wheat is farmed in fields and plains around the world.

### **How old can I get?**

Winter wheat lives 240 days.  
Spring wheat lives 120 days.

### **How big can I get? ▶▶**

Wheat grows 2-5 feet tall, depending on the species.



### **Who eats me? ◀◀**

Birds, rodents, farm animals, and people eat wheat.

### **What do my seeds look like?**

Wheat seeds are light tan to brown ovals. They are kernels like popcorn.



### **Fun Fact**

Wheat is the most harvested crop in the world.



# MAPLE LEAF



*"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, Fluttering from the Autumn tree"*

*- Emily Bronte*



### **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Maple trees grow in Asia, Europe, Northern Africa, and North America.

### **How old can I get?**

Some kinds of maples have been around since dinosaurs roamed the earth.

### **How big can I get? ▶▶**

Bonsai maple trees can be as small as your foot. Bigleaf maples can be as tall as a 10-story building.



### **What do my seeds look like?**

Maple flowers make 'helicopter' seeds that spin around as they float to the ground.

### **Who eats me? ◀◀**

Squirrels and rabbits eat my bark. Deer and moose eat my new branches and leaves.



### **Fun Fact**

Maple wood is good for making drums, violins, and guitars.



# FERN FROND



*"And the thoughts that are blown with the scent of the fern. Are as new and as old as the world."*

*- Sam Walter Foss*



### **Where do I live?** ◀◀

Ferns grow all over the world but prefer watery places.

### **Who eats me?** ▶▶

Long ago, dinosaurs ate ferns. Today a fern might be lunch for a caterpillar, a cricket, a bird, or even a deer.

### **How big can I get?**

Ferns can be as small as 2 fingers or as tall as a school bus.



### **What do my seeds look like?**

Ferns don't have seeds or flowers, but the spores look like tiny fuzzy balls on the underside of the leaves.

### **How old can I get?** ◀◀

Some ferns live to be 100 years old!



### **Fun Fact**

Small animals like frogs and turtles like to hide in the shade of large ferns.





# DAISY



*"I keep stars in my  
pockets wear daisies in  
my hair, but I tuck you  
tenderly in the folds of  
my heart and take you  
everywhere."*

- Melody Lee



## **Where do I live?** ◀◀

Daisies like rich, well-drained soil and lots of sun.

## **How old can I get?**

Daisy plants grow for 3 to 5 years. A daisy flower will last 7 to 10 days in a vase.

## **How big can I get?** ▶▶

Some daisy plants come up to your knees. Others are taller than you.



## **What do my seeds look like?**

Shasta daisy seeds look like tiny sticks. Gerbera daisy seeds look like dandelion fluff.

## **Who eats me?** ◀◀

Deer and rabbits love daisies in the daytime. Slugs and snails eat them after dark.



## **Fun Fact**

People can make tea from daisies or weave them into flower crowns.



# ROSE



see me up close

*"Roses don't always grow in the courtyard of kings, they can also grow in the backyard of beggars."*

*- Anu Malik*



### **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Roses like soil that is rich in organic matter and 6 to 8 hours of sun. Some grow wild, others in gardens.

### **How old can I get?**

Many modern rose bushes live 6 to 10 years, but some climbing roses live 50 years.

### **How big can I get? ▶▶**

Rose bushes can be as small as a cat or taller than a house. They can grow as single plants or huge gardens.



### **What do my seeds look like?**

Rose seeds look like tiny nuts packed in a rose hip that grows below the flower.



### **Who eats me? ◀◀**

Deer, rabbits, beetles, and slugs love to eat roses. People drink rose hip tea.



### **Fun Fact**

Not all roses have thorns.



# CLOVER



see me up close



*"Friends are like  
four-leaf- clovers, hard  
to find, but lucky to have."*

*- Anu Malik*



### **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Clover grows in most warm areas except for Southeast Asia and Australia.

### **How old can I get?**

Clover plants live 2 or 3 years.

### **How big can I get? ▶▶**

A clover leaf is about the size of your fingerprint. Only one out of 10,000 clovers have four leaves. Lucky!



### **What do my seeds look like?**

Clover seeds are as tiny as pencil dots.

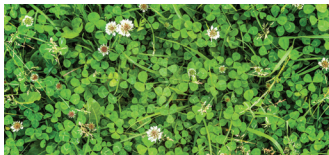
### **Who eats me? ◀◀**

Deer like to eat the whole clover. Songbirds eat the seeds. Turkeys eat the leaves. Mice and squirrels eat the flowers.



### **Fun Fact**

Clover adds nitrogen that makes lawns look greener.



# TAPROOT



*"Storms make trees take deeper roots."*

*- Dolly Parton*



### **Where do I live?** ◀◀

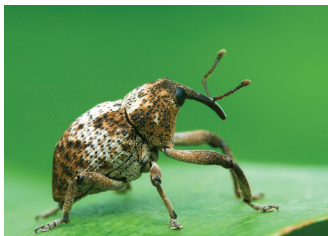
Taproots grow straight down like a carrot or radish.

### **How old can I get?** ▶▶

Taproots can grow up to 7 years after the rest of the plant is cut down.

### **How big can I get?**

Tap roots can be as big as an adult, or several adults.



### **What tap roots are vegetables?**

Beet, carrot, turnip, and radish are taproots.

### **Who eats me?** ◀◀

Vegetable weevils eat taproots.



### **Fun Fact**

Taproots carry water and minerals from the soil to the rest of the plant.





# SORGHUM

*"The season's  
march brings birds,  
so many birds.  
They soar, dive,  
perch and peck.  
They plunder the  
lovely sorghum fruit.  
They sing in discords  
and in chorus,  
'O happy season of  
harvest time."*

*- A Rukiga farmer's song*



see me up close



## **Where do I live? ◀◀**

Sorghum originally came from Africa. It grows in warm, dry areas with long summers.

## **How old can I get?**

Some tropical sorghum can live through the winter, but most will live 1 year and die in the winter.

## **How big can I get? ▶▶**

Sorghum stalks usually grow 2 to 6 feet, but some can grow as tall as 15 feet.



## **Who eats me?**

Sorghum grains are eaten by people, birds, deer, bears, and farm animals.

## **What do my seeds look like?**

Sorghum grains are small and round. They grow in bunches.



## **Fun Fact**

Sorghum molasses is used as a sweetener. The grains can be popped like popcorn or ground up with wheat flour for noodles and breads.

