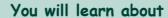




Wonders of Nature





- Some wonders of nature plants and animals
- Colours and fragrance of flowers

Wonders of Nature - Plants



Lily

Why does water not stay on the leaf of the lily?





The leaf of a lily has a waxy coat on the upper surface. It has a notch too. Water does not stay on the leaf because of the notch and the waxy coating.

► Notch

Nuts under the soil

Usually nuts are seen on the stem part of the plant. In groundnut plants, the nuts are under the soil.

Nuts are also called seeds.



Kurinji



The Kurinji or Neelakurinji shrub is found in the Nilgiri mountains in Tamil Nadu.

The flowers of the Neelakurinji bloom only once in 12 years.

They are purple blue in colour. Nilgiri, the Blue Mountain, gets its name from these flowers.

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Touch Me Not Plant

Have you seen this plant? It is found in many places.

It is a small herb. When you touch the leaves of this plant, they close. So it is called the 'Touch Me Not' plant. The leaves open a few minutes later.





Leaves open

Leaves closed

Calotropis - Erukku

Calotropis is a shrub. It has a group of waxy flowers. Its flowers are either white or lavender in colour. It is also known as the 'Crown Flower' since it looks like a crown.

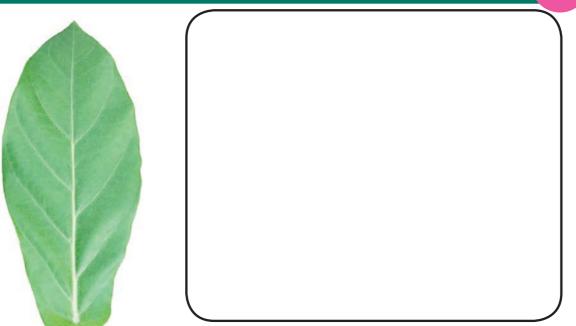






Draw and colour the Erukku leaf.





Colour and Fragrance of Flowers



Flowers have beautiful colours and many have fragrance. Insects are friends of the flowers. They are attracted by the colour and smell of flowers. Flowers have nectar. Insects and birds come to suck the nectar from the flowers.







Many of the flowers that bloom at night are white in colour and they have a wonderful fragrance.







Night- Flowering Jasmine (Pavazhamalli)

Spanish Cherry (Magizhampoo)

Jasmine (Malligai)

Many of the flowers that bloom during the day have attractive colours and are less fragrant.



Butterfly Pea (Sangu Poo)



Jungle Flame (Vetchi Poo)



Periwinkle (Nithiyakalyani)