



Sun Flower

Description

The common sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) is a large annual forb of the genus *Helianthus*. It is commonly grown as a crop for its edible oily seeds. Apart from cooking oil production, it is also used as livestock forage (as a meal or a silage plant), as bird food, in some industrial applications, and as an ornamental in domestic gardens. Wild *H. annuus* is a widely branched annual plant with many flower heads. The domestic sunflower, however, often possesses only a single large inflorescence (flower head) atop an unbranched stem.

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata