

## **Interesting facts (About Hibiscus and the national symbol)**

### **1. How many varieties of hibiscus flowers are there?**

There are over 200 varieties of hibiscus, which come in different sizes, shapes, and colors.

### **2. Did you know that hibiscus is the national symbol of Haiti?**

Because of its cultural significance and its presence in large areas throughout the region, *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* is an official national symbol of [Haiti](#). It is entrenched in Haitian culture, where it symbolizes beauty, strength, and national identity. It is routinely used in the art and literature of Haiti and for tourism slogans and branding. Hibiscus is known locally as the choublack (or rose kayenn) in [Haitian Creole](#).

### **3. Did you know that hibiscus is the national flower of the Solomon Islands?**

Hibiscus is a common flower in this region. Here, it is used for its medicinal value and fragrance. The warm and tropical environmental conditions in this region are suitable for its growth, which is why it is the national flower of [Solomon islands](#).

### **4. Do you know the name of the country where hibiscus is used to make bubbles?**

Children in a country called [the Philippines](#) make viscous juice by crushing flowers and leaves of hibiscus. In this juice, they dip a hollow stem of papaya, and then blow a bubble from this viscous juice. In this country, hibiscus is called “Gumamela”.

### **5. Do the insects eat hibiscus in the larva stage?**

Insects like the [nutmeg moth](#) and [the turnip moth](#) ingest hibiscus in the larva stage or caterpillar stage of their life cycle.

## **References**

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