

Interesting flower facts (About the sunflower)

1. Do you know the native place of sunflowers?

North and South America are native lands for [sunflowers](#). It was first cultivated in North America around 3000 BCE.

2. Why is the sunflower recognized as the national flower of Ukraine?

The sunflower is considered the national flower of [Ukraine](#) because it is deeply entrenched in Ukrainian culture, economy, and historical symbolism. They are seen in traditional Ukrainian songs, folk art, poems, and Ukrainian clothes. It is believed that sunflowers remove bad luck and ward off demons and illness. It was also considered that there is the power and energy of the sun embedded in sunflowers. It has an important role in the Ukrainian economy and agriculture, as Ukraine is a global producer of sunflower seeds and oil.

3. What is unique about the sunflower?

Sunflowers have a unique property where, in the early stages of their life, they track the sun. Young sunflowers move from east to west, following the sun's path. The phenomenon continues until the flower's maturity, after which they remain facing east.

4. How are sunflowers categorized?

Sunflowers come in various colors, including not only yellow but also shades of red, white, and cream. They also appear in distinct sizes and shapes. Depending on their mature size, they are categorized as dwarf and giant sunflowers. Both dwarf sunflowers and giant sunflowers have the scientific name *Helianthus annuus*. These are plants that produce dense and closely packed flowers, which can bloom throughout the year in ideal conditions. Their height varies from 1 to 3 feet. The height of a giant sunflower varies from 12 to 16 feet. Because of their height, they often require support to remain intact against the wind.

References

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