



VICTORIA WATER LILY

LIFESPAN: Less than a year

HABITAT: Lakes around the river Amazon

FACT: Lily trotters build their nests on the giant lilies. Their eggs are safe there from predators.

THAT'S AMAZING: The leaf of a Victoria Water Lily is as big as a double bed.



BRAZIL NUT TREE

LIFESPAN: Around 500 years

HABITAT: Amazon rainforest

FACT: It is as big and as heavy as a cannonball.

THAT'S AMAZING: The outer layer of the Brazil nut fruit is so tough, even people find it difficult to break it open.



GIANT PUYA

LIFESPAN: Up to 150 years

HABITAT: Mountains

FACT: The flowers are much taller than a person.

THAT'S AMAZING: The Giant Puya's spike of flowers is as tall as a three-storey house.



RUBY LIPPED CATTLEYA ORCHID

LIFESPAN: 3-5 years

HABITAT: Mountain rainforest

FACT: Color varies, red, white and pink.

THAT'S AMAZING: Europeans discovered the ruby lipped orchids by accident. A scientist used the spongy roots to pack around other plants. When the root was planted it grew into a beautiful flowering plant.



RUBBER TREE

LIFESPAN: More than 30 years

HABITAT: Rainforest

FACT: Sap from the rubber tree runs down the cut and collects in a cup.

THAT'S AMAZING: Rubber is made into tires for racing cars and airplanes. This is because rubber does not get hot when the car or airplane brakes.



COCOA TREE

LIFESPAN: Up to 100 years

HABITAT: Rainforest

FACT: The beans are made into chocolates.

THAT'S AMAZING: Hundreds of years ago the Maya people of Mexico used cocoa beans as money and to make a drink. The beans were so valuable that only the rulers were allowed to drink cocoa.