

Fun Facts about some of the plants on your Journey



The cardoon, *Cynara cardunculus*, also called the artichoke thistle, is a thistle in the sunflower family.



Helianthus is a genus comprising about 70 species of annual and perennial flowering plants in the daisy family Asteraceae.



Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*) is part of the prairie coneflowers. They are sometimes yellow, and others are brown and yellow.



Ajwain, —also known as ajowan caraway, bishop's weed, or carom—is an annual herb. They have a strong scent.



Asclepias syriaca, commonly called common milkweed, is a species of flowering plant that can grow very tall.



Colorado Tree Cholla Cactus, *Opuntia imbricata*, is the only shrublike cactus found in Colorado . They can live 30 years or more.



Buffalo Gourd, *Cucurbita foetidissima*, grows in the Southwest region on the U.S. We don't recommend eating them, they are bitter!