

Five sites, ten videos about

Leaves

Every Fall, they grab our attention by changing from green to scarlet and yellow. Here are some sites and videos to help you learn more about something we take for granted -- leaves.

1. How long is the longest leaf in the world? At http://www.raffiaonline.com/about_raffia.html you visit a store that sells leaves that grow in Madagascar, Africa on the Raffia palm. The palms grow a thin leaf, up to 60 feet in length. It has many uses including making doll hair, ribbons and hula skirts.

2. Can a leaf kill you? At Popular Mechanics <http://bit.ly/160fqbf> you learn about ten of the most deadly leaves, some with poison. Admire them, from a distance.



3. I'm stuck in the woods. Which leaves can I eat for food? At The Art of Manliness <http://bitly.com/14mxgXo> you can find 19 plants that could save your life, by serving as food. These include the dandelion and clover.

4. Why do leaves change color? At <http://www.foliagenetwork.com> you can explore the reasons why a simple green leaf turns to red, yellow, or even purple each fall season. Or you can watch this video for a quick explanation <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljPU1nDVq-0>



5. How much weight can a leaf hold? At the Kew gardens bitly.com/17BvXmf you can read all about the giant amazon water lily, with a leaf that can grow up to 8 feet across, and support the weight of a child. **Get Busy!**



Make a leaf rubbing at bitly.com/1emhQqC. After you find some interesting leaves, get some peeled crayons and a thin sheet of paper (easel paper works well). Put the paper on top of the leaf and gently rub the side of the crayon on the paper. Presto! The leaf appears.

Preserve some leaves, by coating them in wax. At bitly.com/1e643Dz you can learn how to coat a leaf in wax. Be careful -- it requires using boiling water.



What's the leaf? We found this quiz to help you test your knowledge. Good luck! bitly.com/140IQGO



Can you spot Poison Ivy?

Here's are videos for this month <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcBVHzUUEKwkWp5Elm0VMfX8tjEUqfRaQ>

