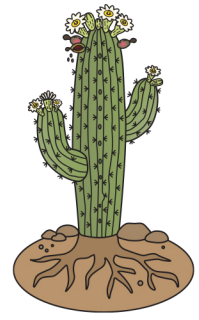


FUN FACTS ABOUT CACTI



SLOW AND STEADY

A saguaro cactus can take 35 years just to grow its first flower.



WATER TOWER

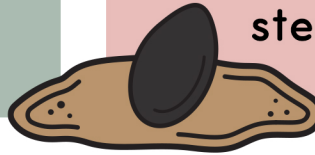
A large saguaro can store up to 200 gallons of water inside its stem.

NIGHT BLOOMER

Saguaro flowers open at night and close again by the next afternoon.

BUILT-IN STRAW

A cactus's roots spread out just below the surface to soak up rain within hours of a storm.

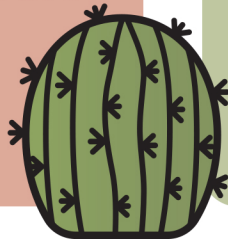


BIRD APARTMENTS

Gila woodpeckers carve nesting holes into saguaro stems, which other birds later move into.

LONG LIFE

Some saguaro cacti live to be over 150 years old.



MANY SHAPES

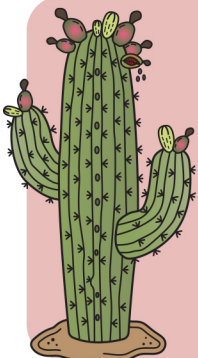
Scientists have identified more than 1,750 species of cacti around the world.

BAT VISITORS

Long-nosed bats fly from flower to flower at night, pollinating saguaro blossoms.

NOT JUST DESERT

Not all cacti live in the desert — the Christmas cactus grows naturally in a humid rainforest.



TASTY FRUIT

The fruit of a prickly pear cactus, called a tuna, is eaten by animals and people.

