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Botanicum ACTIVITY BOOK

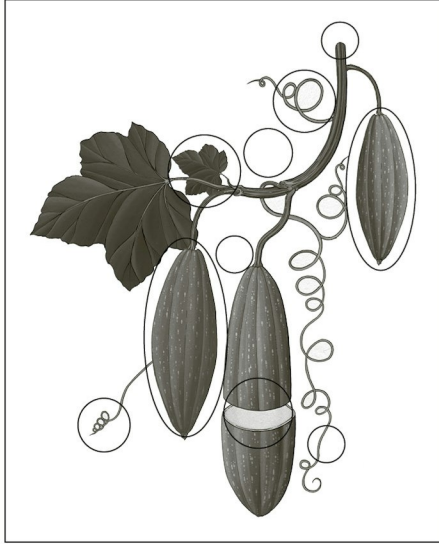
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Colouring,
drawing,
puzzles
& facts!

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Answers



Sponge gourd

Luffa aegyptiaca

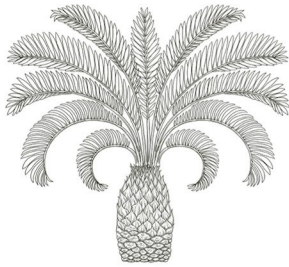
Fruit length: up to 61 cm long

The fruit of the sponge gourd is a popular delicacy in China and Vietnam, but in western Europe and the United States, it is probably best known for a completely different use – scrubbing your back in the bath. The luffa (or loofah) fruit is very fibrous when ripe. Remove the flesh, and you have an excellent scrubbing sponge.

How to draw a cycad tree



Try it yourself



Eastern Cape giant cycad

Encephalartos altersteinii

Height: 6m

Cycads have a long, cylindrical trunk and usually no branches. Leaves grow directly from the top of the trunk, and typically fall off as the tree gets older, leaving a diamond pattern on the stem and a crown of leaves at the top. Unlike palms, cycads do not flower and bear their reproductive organs in cones.

Match the seeds to the leaves



Answers



English oak acorn and leaf



Common beech seed pod and leaf



Sweet chestnut seed and leaf



Scarlet oak acorns and leaf

Complete the patterns and colour
in the algae

