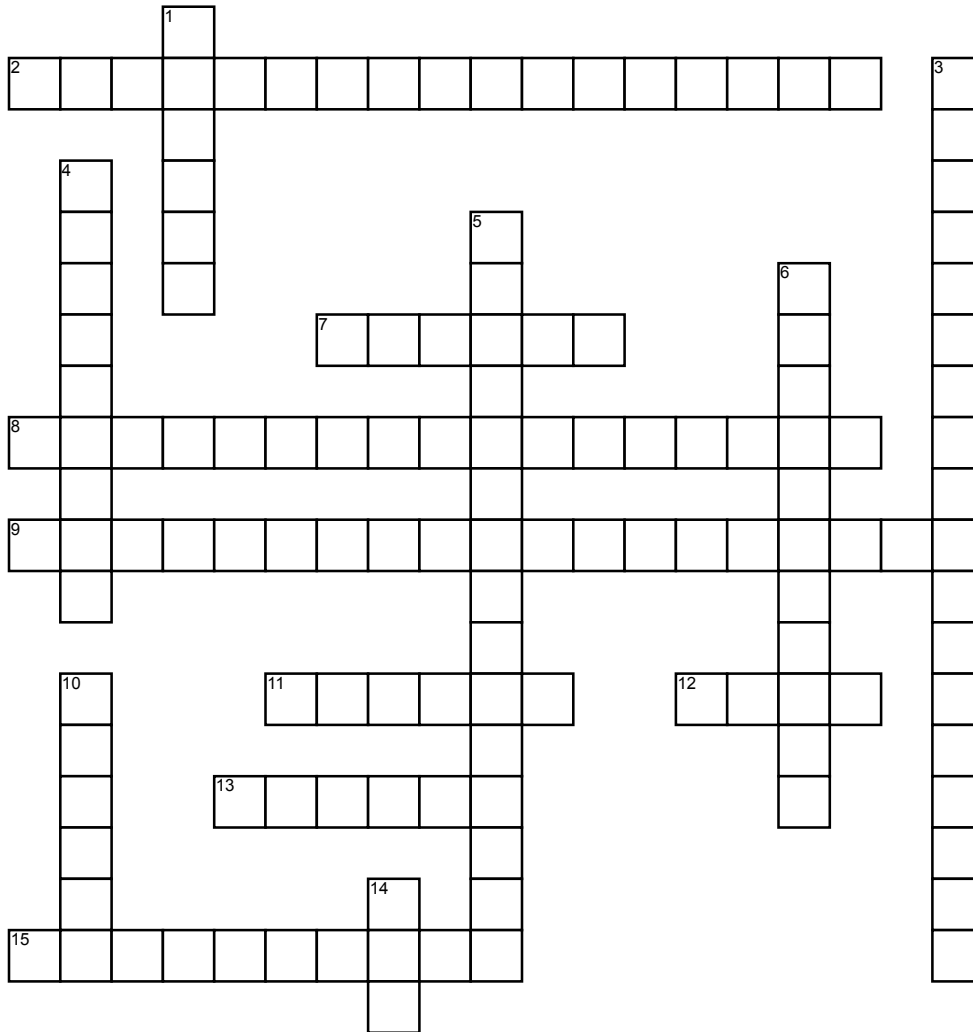


# PLANTS



**Across**

- 2. the tallest and largest living organism in the world!
- 7. is an Arabic word for fingers
- 8. a retro houseplant which has come back into fashion because of its large cut leaves (on mature plants) and tropical look. Fast growing and easy to care for
- 9. ponytail plant or elephant's foot: aptly named houseplant which has long leaves billowing out of a bulbous base
- 11. this tree found in Africa can store 1,000 to 120,000 litres of water in its swollen trunk!
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15. brightly coloured flower bracts, which can last for many weeks, make these plants look striking.

**Down**

- 1. one of the oldest living tree species, it dates back to about 250 million years ago!
- 3. has brightly coloured leaves with splashes of orange and yellow which are a cheery sight, especially in winter. This plant likes a brightly lit spot out of direct sunlight.
- 4. looks like one large flower, but each head is composed of hundreds of tiny flowers called florets, which ripen to become the seeds

5. is another favourite for its bright zingy colours which likes a bright spot away from direct sunlight but is generally an undemanding houseplant. also known as dragon plant

6. snake plant, aka mother-in-law's tongue! A virtually indestructible houseplant with the added bonus of air purifying qualities Can cope with any position and able to withstand extremes of temperature.

10. Chlorophytum has air purifying properties which help make this easy peasy plant a forever favourite

14. this tree don't produce acorns until they are 50 years old!

**Word Bank**

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ginkgo               | California redwood | oak                | Sansevieria         |
| banana               | Bromeliads         | spider             | Codiaeum variegatum |
| sunflower            | Dracena fragrans   | Monstera deliciosa | Rubber              |
| Beaucarnia recurvata | Fern               | baobab             |                     |