Have you ever heard about the cup-plant? Well, the cup-plant is a plant that originated in the central plains of North America. The cup-plant can grow to 10 feet. It's a butterfly magnet. A butterfly magnet is something that attracts butterflies. A cup-plant can also bloom 4 to 6 weeks.

I chose the cup-plant because it seemed interesting. The cup-plant's scientific name is Silphium perfoliatum and the common name is cup-plant. The cup-plant has yellow petals, and almost looks like a sunflower. The cup-plant blooms during the early to mid-summer. The cup-plant is native to North America.

The cup-plant is a workhorse that attracts the wildlife in a big way. In addition to the cup-plants that
hold needed water for small birds, insects, and sometimes frogs. The flower provides pollen and nectar to bees, butterflies, and humming birds. The cup-plant is important to the ecosystem because without it butterflies or bees won't have any water. The cup-plant is important to all sorts of birds and insects. The cup-plant is also important to Native American culture because they used the cup-plant's roots to make medicine.

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