

The Dandelion

The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars.

The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep.

Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for colouring.

Up until the 1800's people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed, malva, and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves.

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant.

Seeds are often carried as many as 5 miles from their origin !

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