



POINSETTIA TRIVIA QUIZ



How much do you know
about this traditional Christmas plant?

1. How many varieties of poinsettias are in existence?
A. 12 B. between 30-40 ☒ C. over 100 D. nearly 2000
2. What is the most colorful part of the poinsettia called?
A. a blossom ☒ B. a bract C. a floret D. a crown
3. Poinsettias get their name from...
☒ A. a former US ambassador to Mexico C. the daughter of a botanist
B. derivative of Latin meaning "bright" D. all of the above
4. In the wild, how big can poinsettias grow?
A. 2-3 ft high B. 6-8 ft high ☒ C. 10-15 ft high D. over 30 ft
5. Properly caring for potted poinsettias entails each of the following EXCEPT:
A. 65-75 degree room temperature C. bright but indirect sunlight
B. 12-14 hours/night of total darkness ☒ D. daily water so soil stays moist
6. Approximately what percentage of all potted plants sold are poinsettias?
A. 10% ☒ B. 20% C. 30% D. 50%
7. Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous. Studies show that, to get seriously ill, a child would have to ingest about how many poinsettia leaves?
A. 100 B. 250 ☒ C. 500 D. 1000
8. Poinsettia leaves do contain a common substance some skin types may find irritating. What is it?
A. capsaicin B. formaldehyde C. ragweed ☒ D. latex
9. Poinsettias are produced commercially in all 50 states. Which state grows the most poinsettia plants, at nearly 7 million pots annually?
☒ A. California B. South Carolina C. Florida D. Georgia
10. What is the legend of Pepita?
A. A medicine woman used poinsettia plant to heal famous Aztec warrior
☒ B. A poor Mexican girl gave weeds to Jesus which miraculously turned red
C. A Spanish nun used poinsettias to dye red cloth for Christmas tree skirt