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This month, we are learning all about Jojoba (pronounced hoe-HOE-buh), *Simmondsia chinensis*. Here are some fun and key facts:

- Individual Jojoba plants are either exclusively male (with flower clusters) or female (with single flowers and later their large seeds).
- The seed/nut has a high waxy oil content and is used as an industrial lubricant and in cosmetics.
- Deer and javelina eat the plant's leaves, while rodents, rabbits, and large birds eat the nuts.

Source:

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