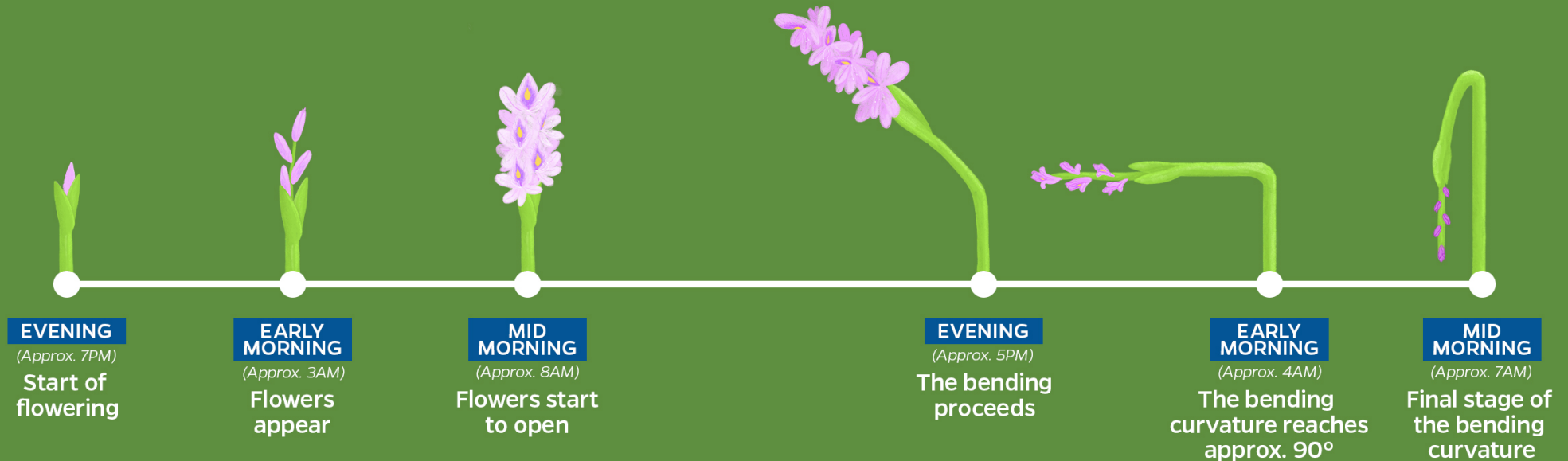


Did you know?

A water hyacinth flower lasts for less than 48 hours

Although water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) is native to Brazil, this problematic plant is invasive throughout many parts of the world. Water hyacinth's purple flower is its most striking feature and each flower only blooms for less than 48 hours. Then, it has a gravitropic response, or response to gravity, by bending downward to place seeds into the water. This is just one of many ways this plant can reproduce and grow many new plants quickly.



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