**Cycads**

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| Cycads | Cycads are big plants that look much like large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trees. Their leaves look like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaves. But cycads are not palm trees or ferns. Instead, cycads are related to other trees that make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There are many kinds of cycads, but they live only in a few damp, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parts of the world. Cycads may live up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old.  |
| Cycad Fossils | Scientists have found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which show that cycads lived during prehistoric times. A fossil is the remains of a living that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ long ago.  |
| Long, Tough Leaves | The cycad has a crown of long, tough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They look like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaves. The leaves grow in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| Bright Red Cones | One kind of cycad is known for its bright \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cones. They look like large pine cones. They grow in the centre of the circle of leaves and hold the cycad’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| Thick Trunk | Some cycads have a thick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without branches. The trunk is covered in rough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and stands straight up.  |