

# British Nature Guide

## Spiky plants around the Mediterranean



**Yellow Star-thistle**



**Prickly Pear Cactus**

The climate around the Mediterranean Sea is very warm and dry. Only hardy plants and animals can survive. One of the hardiest animals is the goat. Goats will eat almost any kind of plant. Some plants have developed sharp spikes, thorns, prickles and spines as a way to protect themselves from being eaten.



**Spanish Oysterplant**



**Sea Holly**



**Barrel Cactus**

These three types of plants have evolved to protect themselves from grazing animals. Fill in the missing letters to find out what they are.

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