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Gayther Colour & Learn



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Avens or Geum is a perennial herbaceous plant and part of the rose family. There are over 50 species of the plant, and it can be found across Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and New Zealand. The leaves of the plant are evergreen except when temperatures go below freezing. The plant is beneficial when it grows in or near loose or gravelly mountain slopes. With its root system, the plant can help stabilise the ground and slopes, making it safer for hikers and mountain climbers. **NATIONAL FLOWER:** The Aven is the national flower of Iceland

LGBTQIA+ FIRSTS: In 2009, Iceland became the first country in the world to elect a gay head of government. Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir served as prime minister of Iceland from 2009 until 2013

