

DID YOU KNOW

THAT THE WORD FOR **AVOCADO**,
COMES FROM THE AZTEC
LANGUAGE **NAHUATL**?



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Avocados were eaten in Mexico already over 8000 years ago. From wild trees in forests.

In a few areas (thousands and thousands of years ago), native people in Mexico occasionally depended more on avocados than on maize (corn).





Avocado flowers have a curious sequence of blooming.

First they open and function as female. Then either later that day (or for other variants, the next day) the flower reappears and is more like a male flower.

HASS



MAYA



So this comic book is intended to help local people understand the importance of wild avocado trees.

Avocado Hass is nice for guacamole, but it is NOT a **Mayan** variety! It is a modern, commercial, plantation, **gringo** variety!

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