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Did you know that  
stressed plants  
create clouds?

Plants that are eaten by insects emit a stress response — volatile organic compounds that are part of an aerosol formation in the atmosphere.

Aerosols promote the formation of clouds.

Clouds absorb and diffuse solar radiation, as a result of which warming of the earth surface and the climate slow down.

Discovery made by Estonian researcher Ülo Niinemets and his colleagues.

