

Rocks That Grow?!?! A True Mystery



The Romanian town of Costesti is home to one of the world's most amazing phenomena - rocks that grow. The rocks are named Trovants.

Trovants look like any other rocks. But, the magic begins when it rains. Small formations start bulging from the sides - as if the stones have come to life!

Scientists do not know for sure how Trovants grow. Some think that when the minerals inside are wet, they expand. This make the stones "grow."

This is only speculation. The growth process of Trovants is still a mystery.

Researchers say that the stones start as pebbles. And over a long time, they grow big! Often measuring six to ten meters wide! (20 ~ 30 feet!)

Trovants often to split apart. When they do, the two new rocks continue growing!

If a Trovant is cut in half, you can see growth rings - the same as in trees!

There is another Trovant mystery: Why are Trovants only found in one place in the whole world? No one knows.

The growing rocks are superstars at the local museum. Millions of tourists come to see them every year.

We live in an amazing world!