

Cool plant

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I don't really participate enough to merit a name,
though I suppose if I were to pick one - does anyone
know the name of the little fern-like looking plant
that grows on the side of roads and when you touch
it the leaves react and fold up? that's a cool plant.

Found it! It's a tropical weed called mimosa pudica or sensitive-plant, with little pink blossoms. It can be grown as an annual in the North or in greenhouses, where visitors will be amazed at its ability to fold its leaflets along the midrib when touched. You find it wild at roadside in some of the Gulf states--that's where you live, I presume.

-alga

*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.