

Herbal Communion Additional Resources

Herbal Academy Plant ID Basics


This is a great chart to get you started. After getting familiar with it, I encourage you to go outside and treat this page like a scavenger hunt. See if you can find these shapes in your habitat!

Can you use any of these botanical terms to describe your plant ally?


<https://theherbalacademy.com/plant-identification-key-download/>

PLANT IDENTIFICATION KEY


FLOWER SYMMETRY



radial
regular
actinomorphic




bilateral
irregular
zygomorphic




asymmetric


POSITION OF OVARY



superior











half-inferior



inferior








LEAF SHAPES

linear ovate reniform obovate lanceolate spatulate orbicular oblanceolate




LEAF BASES

acute truncate cordate sagittate rounded cuneate attenuate












LEAF TIPS




acuminate acute truncate

emarginate obcordate mucronate











rounded obtuse cuspidate











MARGINS

entire crenate sinuate dentate serrate lobate







TYPES OF INFLORESCENCE: INDETERMINATE

capitulum catkin simple corymb compound corymb panicle raceme spadix spike simple umbels compound umbel













TYPES OF INFLORESCENCE: DETERMINATE


compound cyme scorpioid cyme helicoid cyme cincinnus cyme simple dichasia compound dichasia


ARRANGEMENTS




alternate



opposite




whorled




rosette


LEAF TYPES




simple




even pinnate



palmate



bipinnate

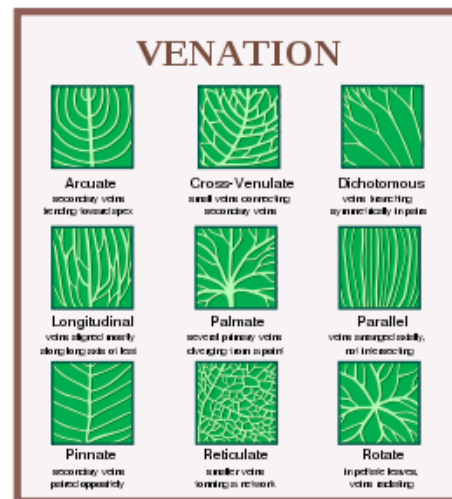
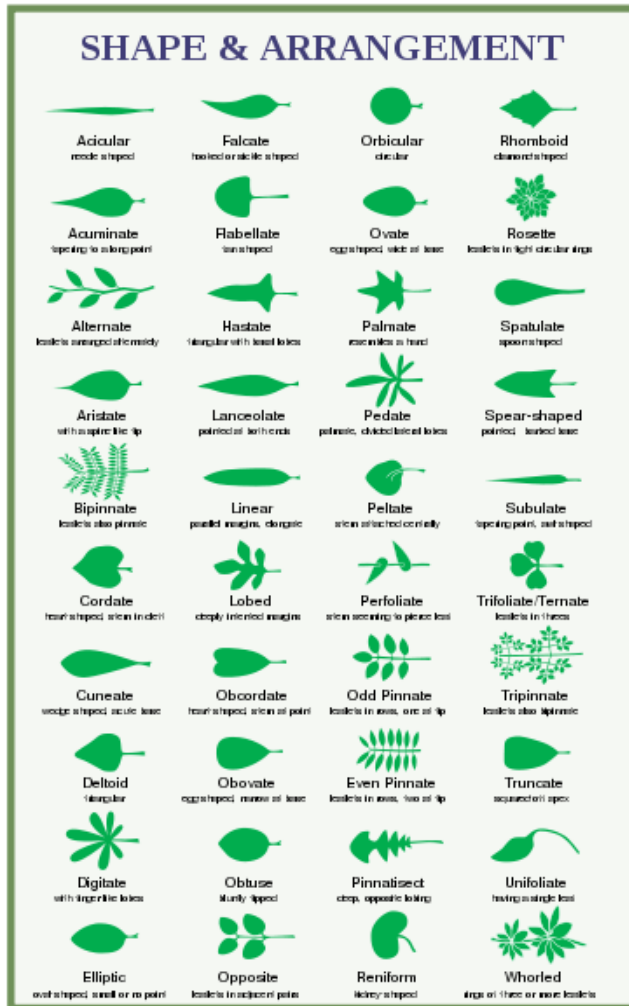


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Radical Botany (<3)

I'm obsessed with this blog and think this is the BEST illustration of leaf morphology that I have seen in the past decade! 🌿

<https://radicalbotany.com/>



Asia Suler's Guided Meditation

<https://youtu.be/wreElz0LzvA>

I love the way Asia Suler of One Willow Apothecaries (<https://onewillowapothecaries.com/>) guides this journey to find a plant ally! Definitely worth a listen if your plant is not coming through clearly yet!

Plant ID tutorial

<https://youtu.be/D1DePIU15z4>

Here is a wonderful video tutorial about plant identification by Thomas Elpel (mentioned in class last week). In this he goes through the patterns of 8 major plant families in a very effective way!

Mint

Mustard

Parsley

Pea

Lily

Grass

Rose

Aster

