

LATIN FOR GARDENERS

- WHY???
- HOW???
- WILL I EVER USE THIS???

FIFTY SHADES OF ALL COLORS

- BLACK – niger, nigrescens, nigricans
- WHITE – alba, lacteus, nivalis, virginalis
- GRAY – griseus, lividus, cinereus
- REDS – ruber, roseus, sanguineus
- BLUES – azureus, lilacinus, purpureus
- YELLOWS – aureus, cupreus, luteus
- GREENS – glaucus, sempervirens, viridis

BLACK

niger
nigrescens
nigricans

- *Helleborus niger*
- *Ophiopogon nigrescens*
- *Iris nigricans*



niger – black, dark

Helleborus niger

Common name – Christmas Rose



nigrescens – blackening, darkening

Ophiopogon nigrescens

Common name – Black Mondo Grass



nigricans - blackish

Iris nigricans

WHITE

alba

albicans

lacteus

nivalis

virginalis

Betula alba

Cotoneaster lacteus

Galanthus nivalis

Philadelphus virginalis



alba – white

Betula alba

Common Name – White Birch



lacteus – of or pertaining to milk, milky

Cotoneaster lacteus

Common Name – Red Clusterberry, Parney Cotoneaster, Milkflower
Cotoneaster



nivalis – snowy, snow-covered

Galanthus nivalis – for its snowy flowers

Common name – Snowdrop



virginialis – maidenly; of or pertaining to a maiden or virgin

Philadelphus virginalis

Common Name – Mock Orange, Virginal Mock Orange

GRAY

griseus
cinereus
lividus

- *Ceanothus griseus*
- *Echinocactus cinereus*
- *Helleborus lividus*



griseus - grey

Ceanothus griseus

Common Name – Yankee Point, Carmel Creeper, Carmel Ceanothus



lividus – lead color, gray

Helleborus lividus

Common Name – Majorcan Hellebore



cinereus – ashen, like ashes

Echinocactus cinereus

REDS

roseus

ruber

sanguineus

- *Catharanthus roseus*
- *Centranthus ruber*
- *Ceanothus sanguineus*



roseus – ink, rose-colored, rosy

Catharanthus roseus

Common Name – Old Maid, Madagascar Periwinkle



Ruber – red, ruddy

Centranthus ruber

Common Name – Red Valerian, spur valerian, kiss-me-quick, fox's brush, Devil's Beard and Jupiter's beard



sanguineus – of blood, bloody, blood-coloured

Ceanothus sanguineus

Common Name – Red Stem Ceanothus

BLUES

azureus

lilacinus

purpureus

- *Penstemon azureus*
- *Trollius lilacinus*
- *Cistus purpureus*



azureus – of a deep blue color

Penstemon azureus



lilacinus – lilac-coloured

Trollius lilacinus



Purpureus – purple, clothed in purple

Cistus purpureus

Common Name – Rock Rose

YELLOWWS

aureus

luteolus

sulphureus

- *Erigeron aureus*
- *Lupinus luteolus*
- *Cosmos sulphureus*



aureus - golden

Erigeron aureus

Common Name - Fleabane



luteolus – yellowish

Lupinus luteolus

Common Name - Lupin



sulphureus – sulphur, pale yellow

Cosmos sulphureus

GREENS

glaucus
sempervirens
viridis

- *Rosa glauca*
- *Cupressus sempervirens*
- *Crataegus viridis*



glauca – glaucous green, sea green

Rosa glauca



sempervirens – always green

Cupressus sempervirens

Common Name – Mediterranean Cypress



viridis - greenish

Crataegus viridis

Common Name - Green Hawthorn

NEXT TIME????

- Markings - words like *marginata*
- Flower Shape – words like *stellatus*
- Leaf Shape – words like *pungens*
- Plant Shape – words like *frutescens*

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MARKINGS
FLOWER SHAPES
LEAF SHAPES
PLANT SHAPES

MARKING TERMS

- Can mean markings on various parts of the plant – not just the leaves
- *marginata* – edged, margined
- *pictum* – painted
- *reticulata* – netted, veined
- *variegatus* - variegated



Agave americana 'Marginata'

**Common Name: Sentry Plant, Century Plant, Marguay
and American Aloe**

marginata – edged or margined



Scindapsus pictum

Common Name – Silver Vine or Satin Pothos

pictum - painted



Iris reticulata

Common Names: Netted Iris, Golden Netted Iris

reticulata – netted, veined



***Iris reticulata* bulb**

The plant has the specific epithet reticulata because of the appearance of netting around the bulb



Graptophyllum pictum 'Aurea-Marginata'

Common Name – Caricature Plant

pictum – painted

aurea – yellow or gold

marginata – margined or edged

Flower Shapes

SO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM!!

- campanulatus – bell-shaped
- flore-pleno – double-flowered
- plumosus - feathery
- ringens – two-lipped
- stellatus – star-shaped



Enkianthus campanulata

Common Name – Red-Vein Enkianthus

campanulata – bell-shaped



Galanthus nivalis flore-pleno

Common Name – Double Snowdrop

nivalis – snow-white

flore-pleno – double flowered



Salvia plumosa

Common Name – Double Salvia

plumosa - feathery



Salvia ringens

Common name – Mount Olympus Sage

ringens – two-lipped



Magnolia stellata

Common Name – Star Magnolia

Stellata – star-shaped

Leaf Shapes

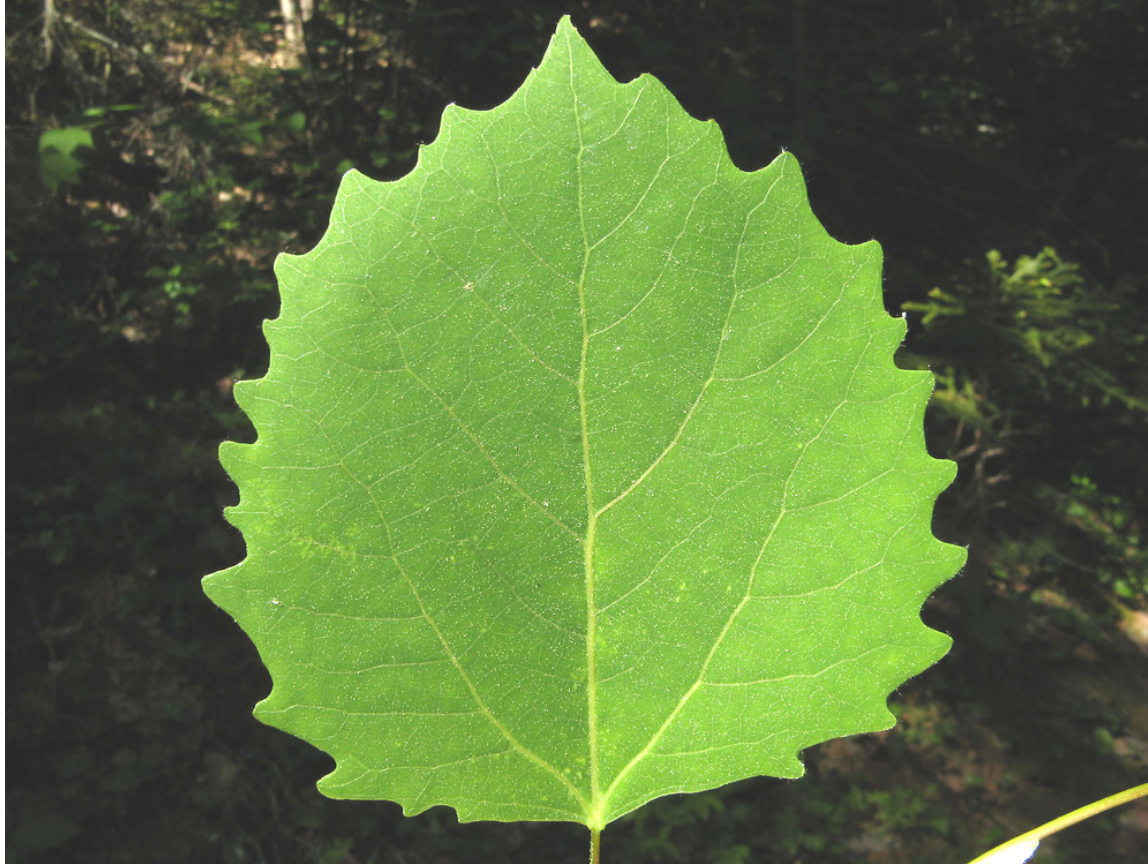
- dentatus – toothed
- digitalis – fingered, like digits
- flabellatus – Fan-shaped
- incisus – deeply cut
- pungens - pointed



Castanea dentata

Common Name - American Chestnut

dentata - toothed



Populus grandidentata

**Common Names – Large-tooth Aspen, Big-tooth Aspen,
American Aspen, White Poplar**

grandidentata – BIG toothed



Schefflera digitalis

Common Names – Pate, Seven-finger, Umbrella Tree

digitalis - fingered



Sticherus flabellatus

Common Name – Umbrella Fern

flabellatus – fan-shaped



Oreopanax incisus

Common Name: El Candelabro (Candelabrum)

incisus – deeply cut



Arctostaphylos pungens

Common Name – Pointleaf Manzanita

pungens - pointed

Plant Shapes

- alatus - winged
- deflexus – turned sharply downward or bending outward
- fastigiatus – with upright branches
- reptans - creeping



Euonymus alatus

Common Name – Winged Burning Bush

alatus - winged



Amaranthus deflexus

Common Names: Large-fruit Amaranth, Low Amaranth, Argentina Amaranth, Perennial Pigweed

Deflexus – turned sharply downward or bending outward



Ginkgo biloba fastigiata

Common Name – Maidenhair Tree

fastigiata – with upright branches



Ajuga reptans

**Common Names: Bugle, Blue Bugle, Bugleherb,
Bugleweed, Carpetweed, Carpet Bugleweed**

reptans - creeping

NEXT TIME??

A focus on words used to describe:

Texture

Size

Direction