

Foliage Color Terms

Albescent	Yellow coloring becoming whiter as the season progresses.
Glaucous	Having a waxy coating (also called "bloom") that produces a white to blue coloring on the plant's leaves.
Lutescent	Color becoming lighter or more yellow as the season progresses.
Margin	A band of color around the leaf perimeter that is different in color. Margins may be: Regular - even in width Irregular - uneven in width Jetting - Streaked toward the center of the leaf
Misted	Having small short segments of darker pigmentation on a lighter leaf background, or the reverse with short light segments around a darker leaf background.
Mottled	Blotched leaf color spotting not caused by pests or disease.
Speckled	Small spotted, irregular coloring.
Stable	Maintaining the plant's pattern of color variegation when it divides.
Streaked/Splashed	Having non-connected light and dark color variegations, usually in streaks running parallel to the leaf midrib. Usually unstable.
Variegated	Having more than one color as a result of pigment differences.
Viridescent	Beginning the season lighter colored and becoming greener as the season progresses.

Foliage Shape and Texture Terms

Cordate	Leaf shaped like a round or oval valentine heart.
Cupped	Leaf margins curve upward above the leaf center; concave
Folded	Bent upward parallel to the midrib of the leaf; keel-shaped.
Furled	Leaf edges of sides that curl in toward the midrib
Furrowed	Deeply impressed main veins on a generally smooth leaf.
Drawstring Effect	Leaf distortion that pulls the leaf perimeter together into a closing cup shape.
Juvenile	Pre-adult stage of plant development usually characterized by narrower, more pointed leaves, thinner marginal variegation, faster growth, and smaller leaves.
Lance-Shaped	A narrow, pointed leaf with width less than ½ its length.
Ovate	Egg-shaped leaves
Petiole	The leaf stalk
Piecrust	A consistent rippled appearance to the outer edge of a leaf.
Scape	The flower stem of the plant
Seersuckerred	Puckered surface between the veins of the plant.
Substance	The amount of thickness perceived by touching the fully expanded leaf blade.
Twisted	Leaves rotated around themselves producing an askew position.
Undulated	A coarsely waving leaf blade.

Flower Description Terms

Bell-shaped	Hanging downward like a bell.
Closed	Flower petals that do not separate and open.
Foliated Bloom	Flower stems with small, modified leaves on them.
Spider	More narrow, widely spaced petals that open upward.
Tubular	Shaped like an extended bell facing outward and/or upward.