

# Pictorial Glossary of Leaf Characteristics

## Simple Leaf Shape (leaves are singular)

Length to Width Ratio of Leaf  $>2:1$

Length to Width Ratio of Leaf  $<2:1$

Linear		Not Linear				
Narrow	Oblong	Elliptical	Lanceolate	Arrow-shaped	Heart-shaped	Oval

## Compound Leaf Shape (leaves are divided into leaflets)

Palmate	Pinnate	Bi-Pinnate	Trifoliate

## Leaf Margin (leaf edge)

Lobed

Not Lobed

Dissected	Pinnately Lobed	Palmately Lobed	Toothed	Entire

## Leaf Arrangement

Leaves Along Stem

Leaves From Base

Whorled	Alternate	Opposite	Basal Rosette

Examples shown are leaves that fit descriptions; however, there are many variations.