

Terms to Help With Identification



Plant Life Cycle

Annual – *grows, flowers and dies in one year, typically with simple root system*

Perennial – *grows more than one year with extensive root system*

Deciduous – *plant that sheds its leaves seasonally*

Growth Form

Erect – *upright*

Prostrate – *growing along ground*

Rosette – *circular cluster of leaves at ground level, like a dandelion plant*

Shrub – *woody plant that lives for multiple years*

Herb – *non-woody, usually annual plant*

Spike – *in a grass or grass-like plant, a cluster of tightly packed seeds, forming a dense seedhead*

Reproduction

Vegetative – *asexual reproduction via plant parts other than seeds (rhizomes, stolons, bulbs, etc.)*

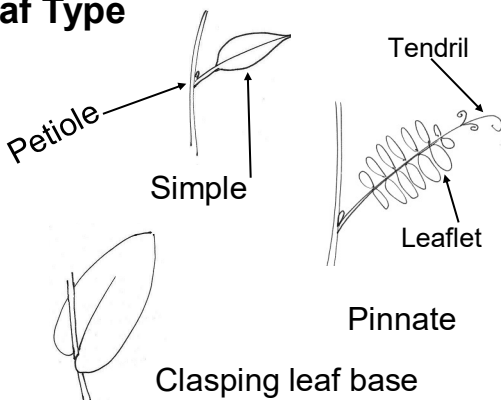
Rhizome – *horizontal stem growing underground*

Stolon – *horizontal stem growing aboveground*

Tips to Help With Identification



Leaf Type



Leaf

Alternate



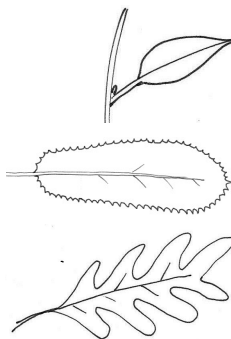
Opposite



Arrangement

Leaf Edges

Smooth or



entire