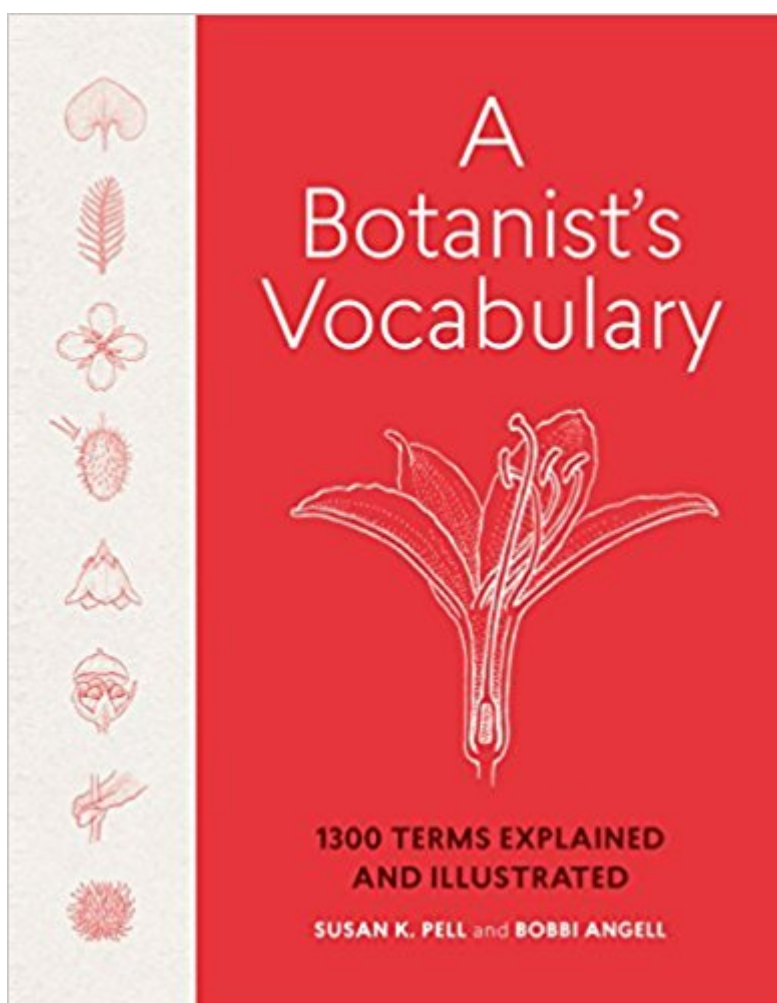


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# A Botanist's Vocabulary: 1300 Terms Explained And Illustrated (Science For Gardeners)



## Synopsis

For anyone looking for a deeper appreciation of the wonderful world of plants! Gardeners are inherently curious. They make note of a plant label in a botanical garden and then go home to learn more. They pick up fallen blossoms to examine them closer. They spend hours reading plant catalogs. But they are often unable to accurately name or describe their discoveries. *A Botanist's Vocabulary* gives gardeners and naturalists a better understanding of what they see and a way to categorize and organize the natural world in which they are so intimately involved. Through concise definitions and detailed black and white illustrations, it defines 1300 words commonly used by botanists, naturalists, and gardeners to describe plants.

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"The library staff at The New York Botanical Garden has been eagerly awaiting *A Botanist's Vocabulary* arrival on the market and in our collection. . . . For lovers of plants and for lovers of language, *A Botanist's Vocabulary* is an essential addition to the home and botanical library alike. • *NYBG Plant Talk* "Students, gardeners, and even professional botanists will find much to like in this expanded glossary, with its concise definitions and elegant drawings. . . . Botany reference collections will find this a welcome addition for users of all levels. • *Booklist* "This handy and elegant illustrated glossary features over 1,300 terms used by botanists and home gardeners. Beautiful and finely

detailed black-and-white drawings illuminate the minute differences among everything from aggregate fruits to zygomorphic flowers. A splendid ready-reference title that will be eagerly embraced by the green-thumbed. *Library Journal* "A best reference pick. . . . If you don't know your palmate from your pandurate leaf, you may find this well laid-out guide to botanical terms a wonderful resource. . . . it's possible to enrich your whole gardening experience, whether you're a botany student, a gardener or simply someone who wants to learn more about plants. *The Guardian* "Not only vital to understanding landscape architecture as it is transmitted in the written word, but also for communicating its expressive depth. . . . Terms here are explicated in brief and illustrated by elegant, clear line drawings. *Landscape Architecture Magazine* "Bobbi Angell's incisive illustrations not only show the botanical structures clearly, but the plant subjects are carefully chosen to be recognizable to many. *Gardens Illustrated* "There are very few books that I believe are truly essential to good gardening. I suspect, though, that this may turn out to be one of the select few. *Garden Rant* "A Botanist's Vocabulary is a straightforward, no-frills guide to botanical terms. After a brief introduction, the book explains 1,300 botanical terms from the prosaic (annual) to the esoteric. . . . any idea what zoophilous means? . . . You don't need a background in horticulture to use this book, but if you're trying to get one, this book would be a valuable aid. *Northern Gardener* "Sayings like 'a picture is worth a thousand words' may be considered cliché, but typically they also hit the nail on the head. That's never been more true than for this book. While understanding a term like lanceolate purely based on words (lance- or sword-shaped with the widest point toward the base) may require you to read its definition multiple times, seeing an illustration once is usually enough to get it. . . . Having A Botanist's Vocabulary on your book shelf is a bit like having a box of assorted Band-Aids in your bathroom. It gives you peace of mind knowing you're covered if and when you need it. *Succulents and More* "If the meanings of words like rhizomes, xeric, or rosettes do not immediately come to mind, you might be interested in another terrific book of the season, A Botanist's Vocabulary. These words are among 1,700 explanations, many of which are accompanied by drawings showing exactly what these terms and phrases represent. *Better Homes and Country Gardens* "Accessible to beginners and still useful to professionals and more advanced students. *CBHL* "A most welcomed addition to the reference toolkits of both hobbyist and professional botanists alike. Unlike many traditional

dictionaries of botanical terminology, this book is not only easy to use but pleasing on the eyes as well. . . . a must have reference piece. **Economic Botany**

A comprehensive reference to botanical terms. The technical terms used to describe plants are essential for accurate identification and communication. This comprehensive glossary, enhanced by clear, accurate illustrations, gives concise definitions of the terms that describe all the visible characteristics of plants. Gardeners, botanists, and nature lovers will find this guide invaluable in understanding the plant kingdom.

I am getting serious about identifying plants! My college botany classes did not provide me with the wealth of material in this book, neither have any herbals nor foraging guides, that tell you what certain plants are good for, but don't give you a good picture of what they look like; usually no pictures at all. There are very slight differences sometimes, not easily discernible at first, that distinguish a plant, or species of a plant, from another, which is very important to know, if you're gonna eat'em! Plant hunting can be as much fun as bird-watching, without the need for hundreds of \$\$\$ worth of gear, and you can find some surprising specimens even in urban areas and vacant lots. And they're not moving targets!

This is a valuable resource for anyone with an interest in, and a love of, the plant world. The illustrations are clearly and beautifully drawn and in many cases can stand alone to define the term. Highly recommended for gardeners, botanists, naturalists, and anyone needing a clear understanding of botanical terminology.

Wonderful, clear drawings and brief descriptions of hundreds of botanical terms. Even someone who knows about plants and their parts will learn many new words. For those tiny bits, especially. Excellent for pointing out the smaller details of plants and flowers, and make one better at noticing and appreciating the wonder of the botanical world.

This is an exceptional guide for both professionals and home gardeners alike. I've worked in publishing for the green industry for 30 years, and in that time have accumulated a library's worth of references. *A Botanist's Vocabulary* is, far and away, my favorite. It's clear, it's authoritative and it's a pleasure to use. Whether you're doing research or merely looking for an interesting read, this is truly a must-have book.

As an amateur botanist, this helps me understand terms in dicotomous keys. Glad I bought it!

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