

BOTANY



LEAF SHAPES 2



Linear is the name given to a leaf which is narrow, comparatively long, and of uniform width. It is many times longer than it is wide, somewhat like a ribbon. Sometimes it is so narrow as to suggest a line.

(Grasses)

Latin: *linea* – line



Spathulate is the name given to a leaf with a short broad part near the top and a long narrow tapering part below it. In form, it suggests the shape of a spatula or flat ladle.

(Daisy)

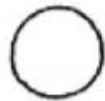
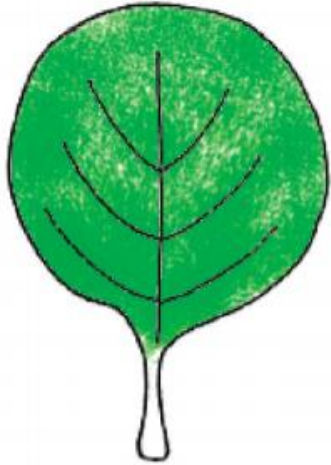
Latin: *spatula* - a spoon



Acicular is the name given to a leaf which is shaped like a needle: it is slender, narrow and pointed .

(Fir)

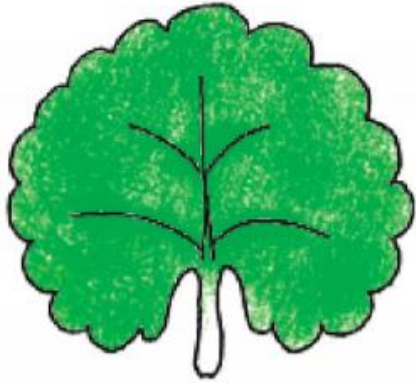
Latin: *acus* – needle



Orbicular is the name given to a leaf which is round.

(Marsh Penny - worth)

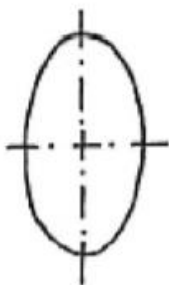
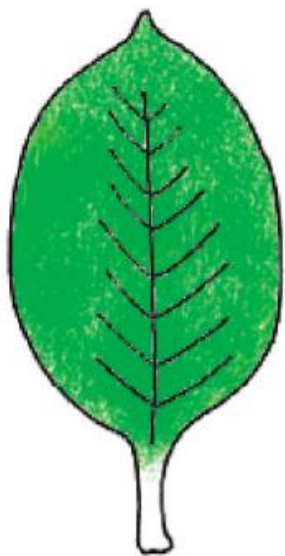
Latin: *orbis* - circle



Reniform is the name given to a leaf which has the shape of a kidney.

(Ground Ivy)

Latin: *ren/renis* – kidney



Elliptical is the name given to a leaf that has the shape of an ellipse.

(Apple)

Greek: *elleip* – ellipse