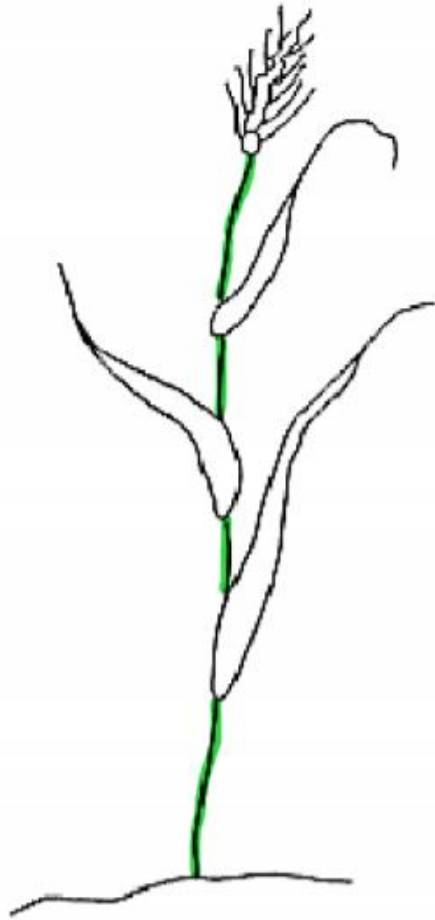




TYPES OF ERECT STEMS

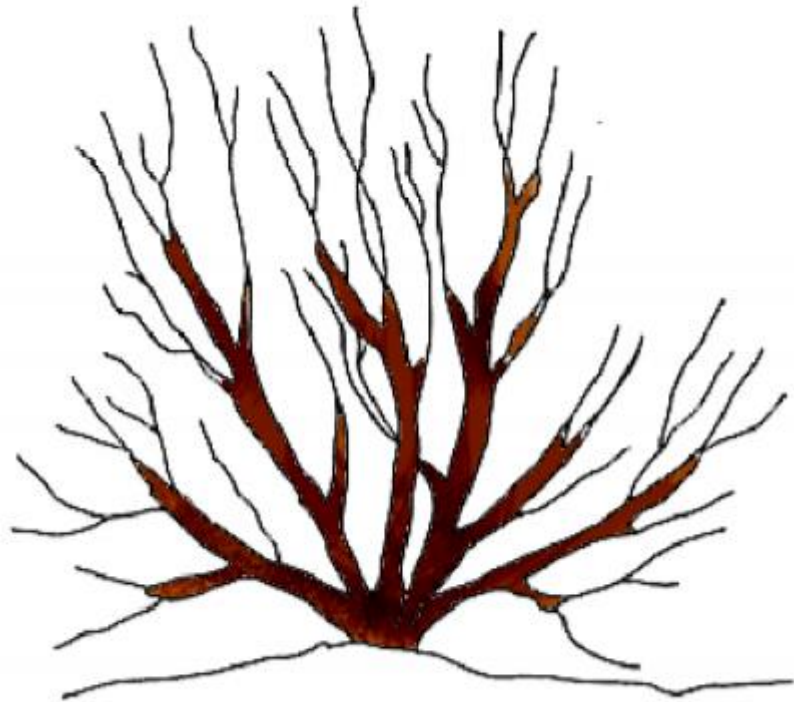


Erect stems are called ***herbaceous*** when they are soft, green, and usually annual.

(annual – whose life lasts only one year)

Latin:

herbaceous – grassy



Erect stems are called ***shrubby*** when from a short, hard, and woody base several stems arise at or near the ground.

(Box, Heather, Gooseberry)

Middle English:
shrob - shrub



Erect stems are called **woody** when there is a single hard stem, more than ten feet high when grown. It is usually devoid of branches in the lower portion, but bears a group of branches and leaves, or only a bunch of leaves at the top.

(Trees)

Middle English:

wode – wood