

# **Plant Microtechnique – BIO 4920**

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Introduction to Laboratory

Collecting material, fixation, basic sectioning and staining techniques

Leaf characters – Morphology, anatomy

Stem characters - Tissue embedding and sectioning

Microtome sectioning and staining

Wood characters – Anatomy, properties, evolution, identification

Flower, fruit, and seed characters

Scanning Electron Microscopy – Theory

Scanning Electron Microscopy - Practice

Pollen Analysis – morphology, terminology

Pollen Analysis - Applications

Cytology - Chromosome numbers and taxonomy

Cytology – Karyotypes, polyploidy, meiosis

Preparing posters and presentations

Final Class Presentations

# Agavaceae



*Yucca faxoniana*

*Yucca*  
*Hesperaloe*  
*Beschorneria*  
*Furcraea*  
*Agave*  
*Manfreda*  
*Polianthes*  
*Prochnyanthes*



*Agave salmiana*

# *Dasylirion*



*Dasylirion leiophyllum*, Big Bend N.P.



*Dasylirion berlandieri*, Nuevo Leon

## **Nolinaceae (APG3 = Asparagaceae, Nolinoideae)**



***Nolina***



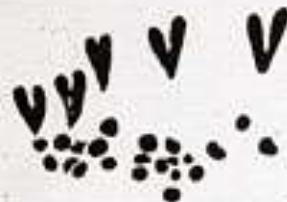
***Dasylirion***



***Calibanus***



***Beaucarnea***

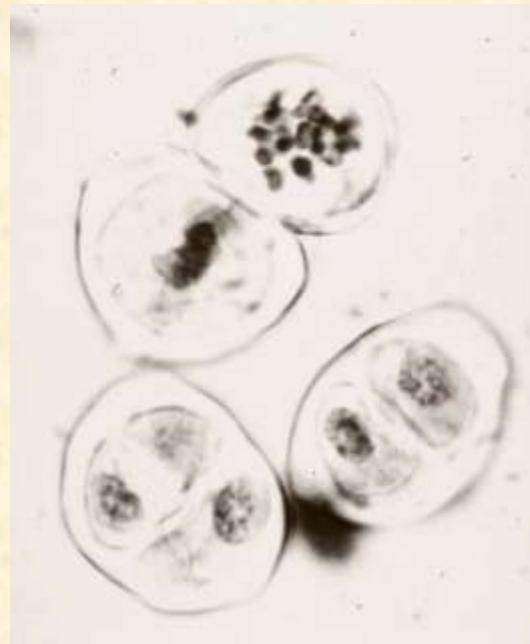


Yucca

$n = 30$   
5 large + 25 small



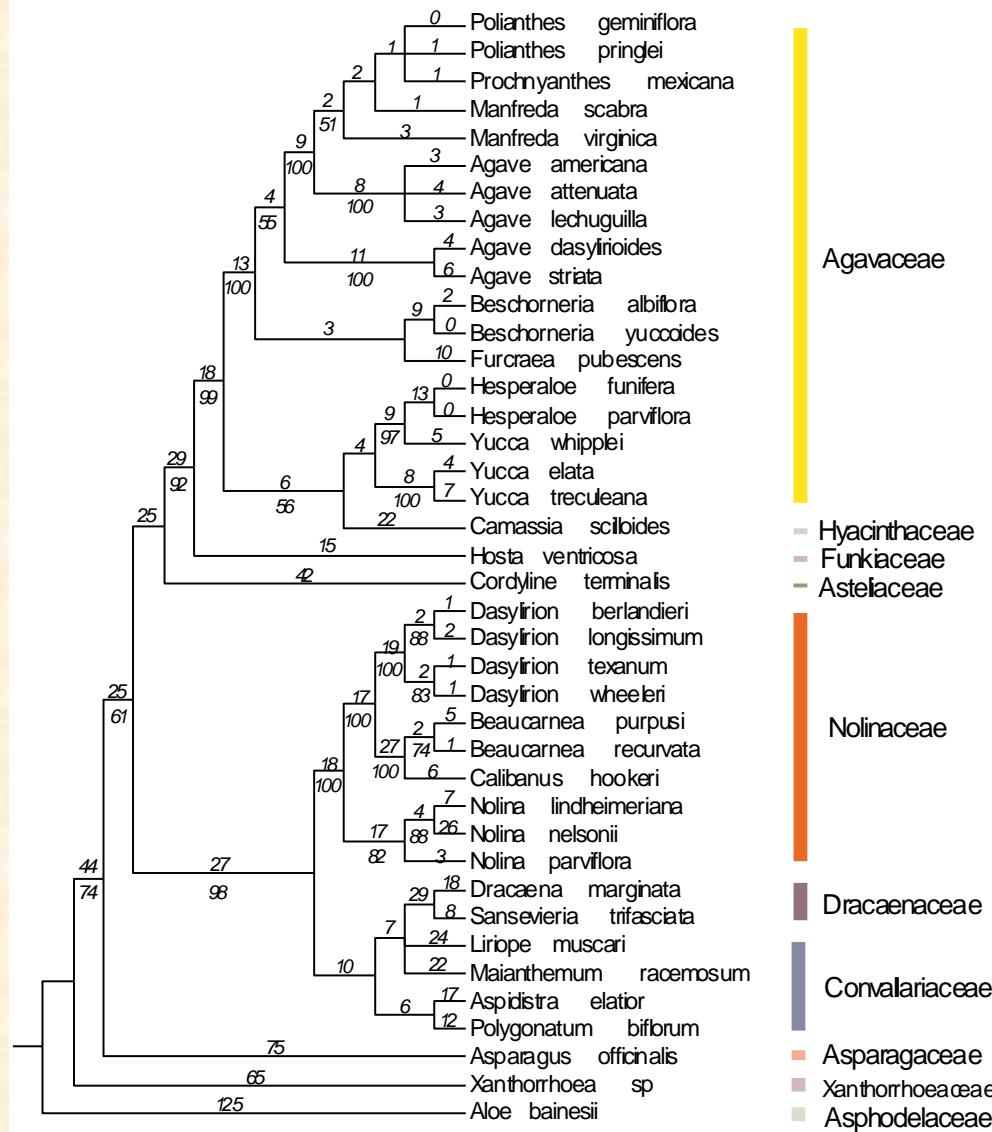
Agave

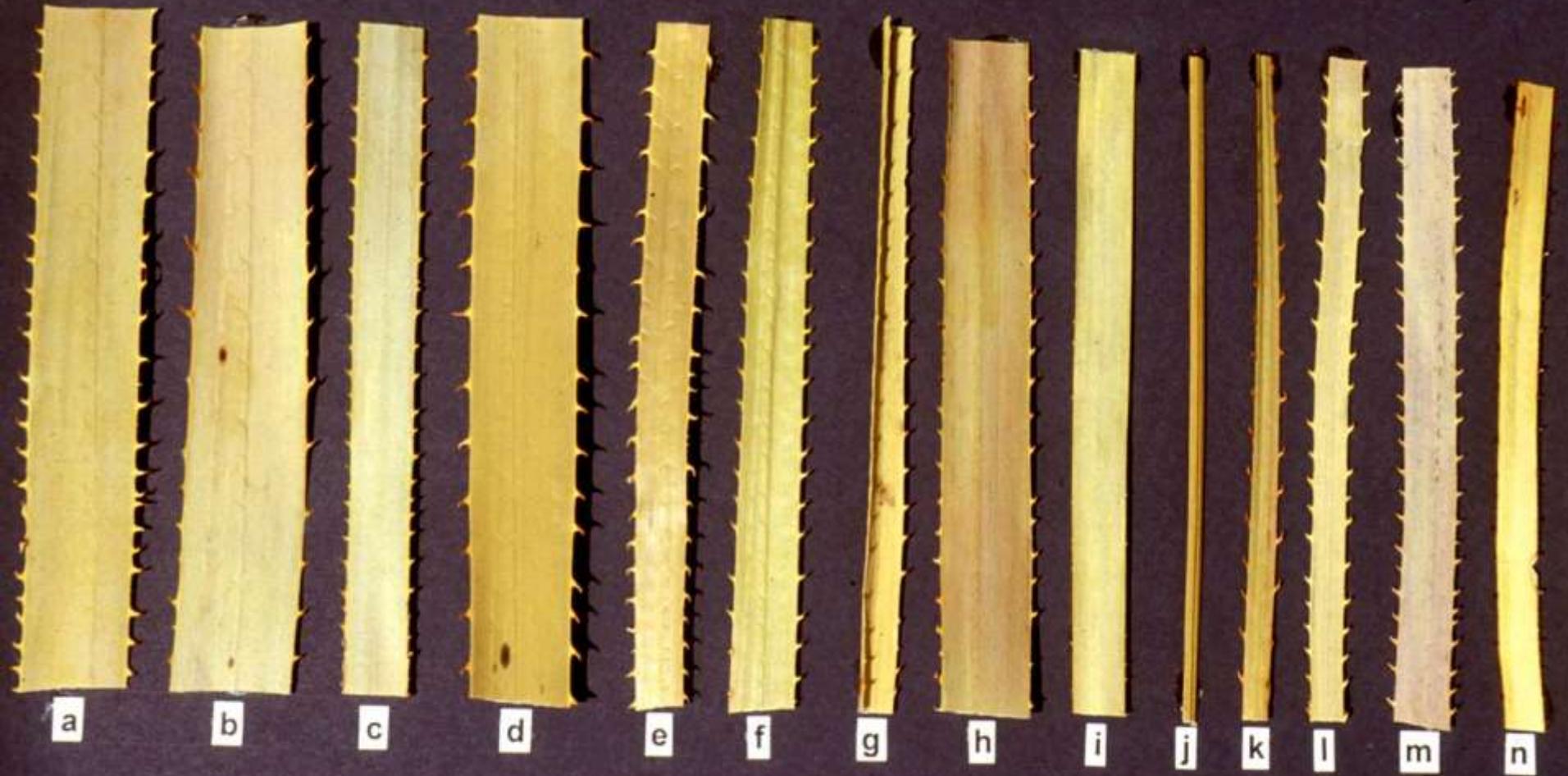


*Dasylirion*  $n = 19$

**ITS1 and ITS2**  
**Strict Consensus**  
**4 Trees**  
**979 Steps**  
**CI = 0.659**  
**RI = 0.815**

Combined Data: ITS1 and ITS2

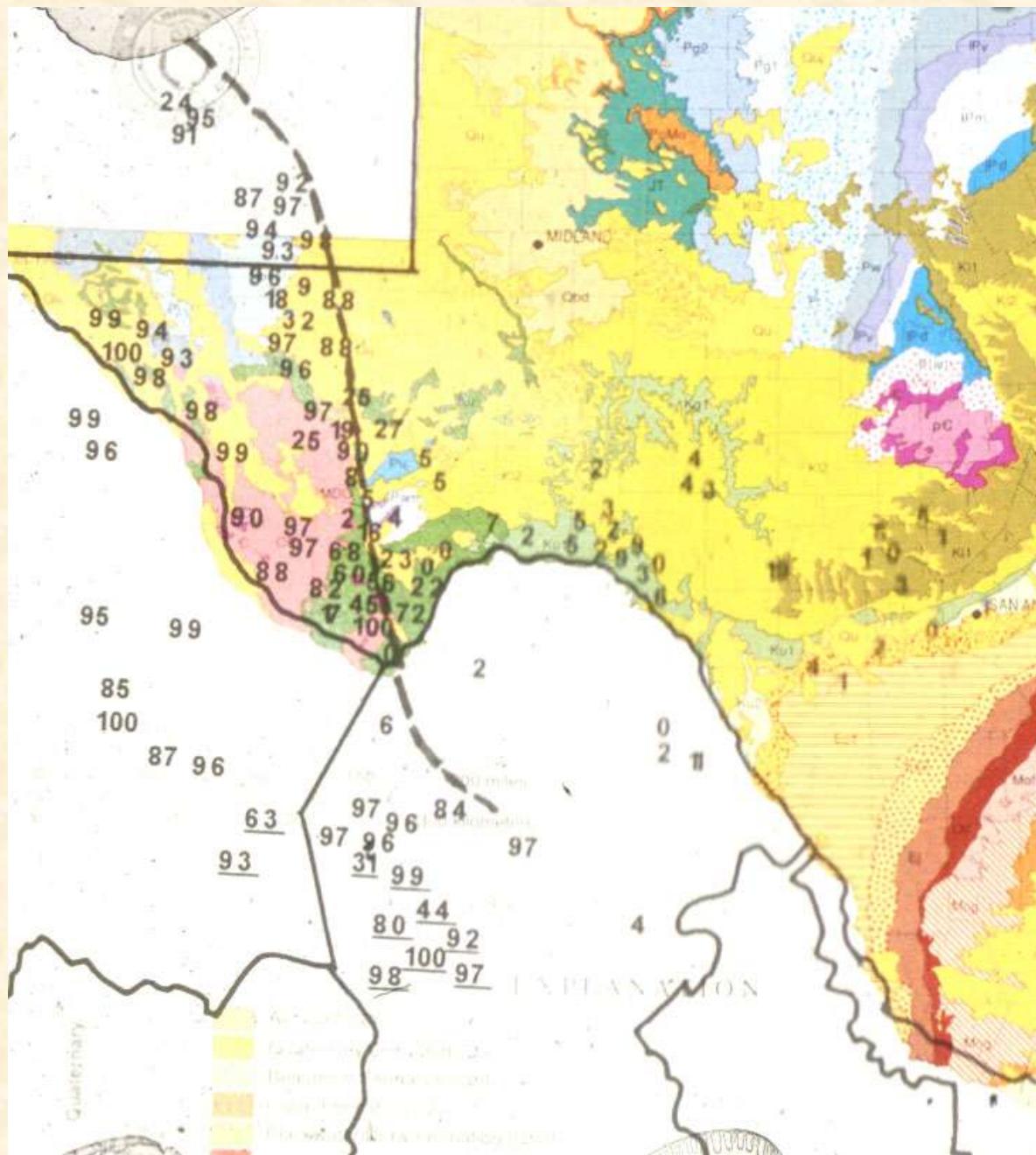




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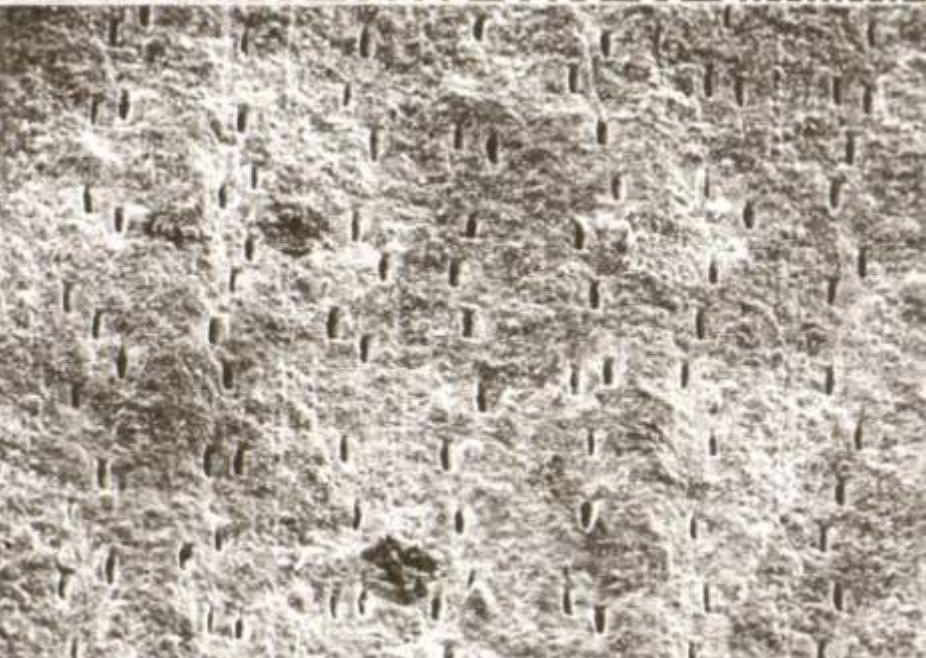
Leaf variation in *Dasyliion*

# **Dasylirion - Percent Recurved Prickles**





81mm 100kV 106E2 0296/51 &ATMN.H



81mm 100kV 115E2 0300/51 &ATMN.H

## Dasylirion - Pistillate and Staminate Flowers



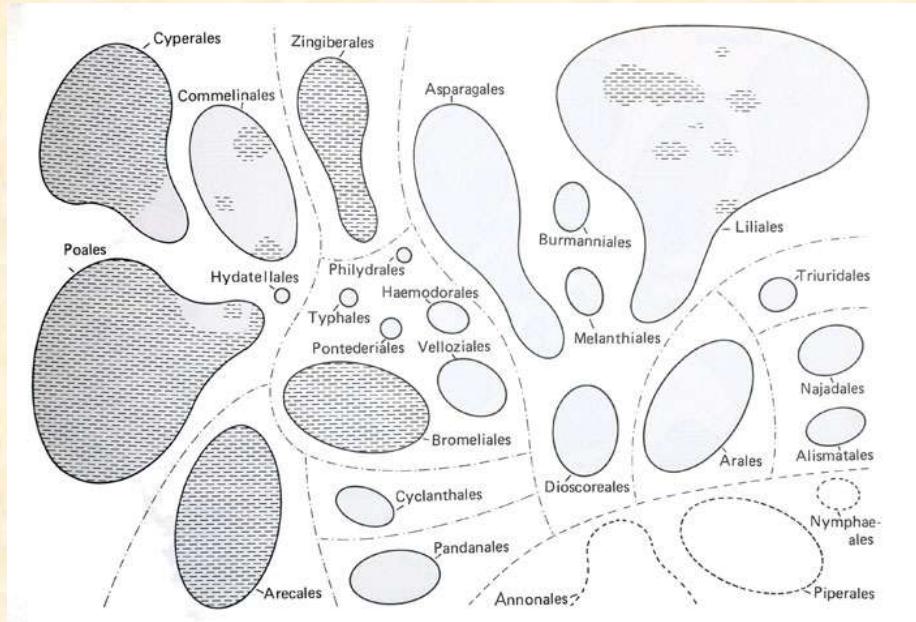
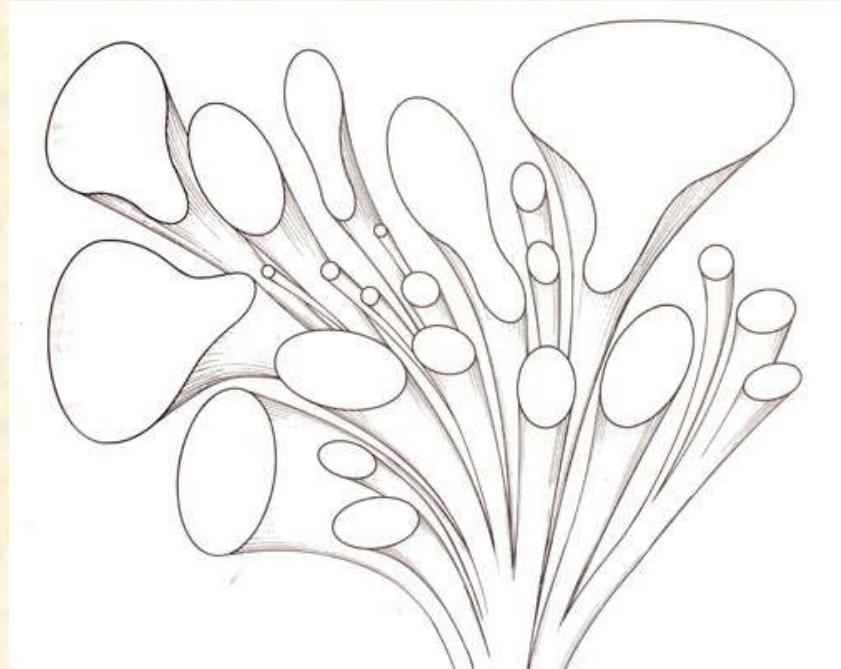
# **Rolf Dahlgren**

(1932-1987)

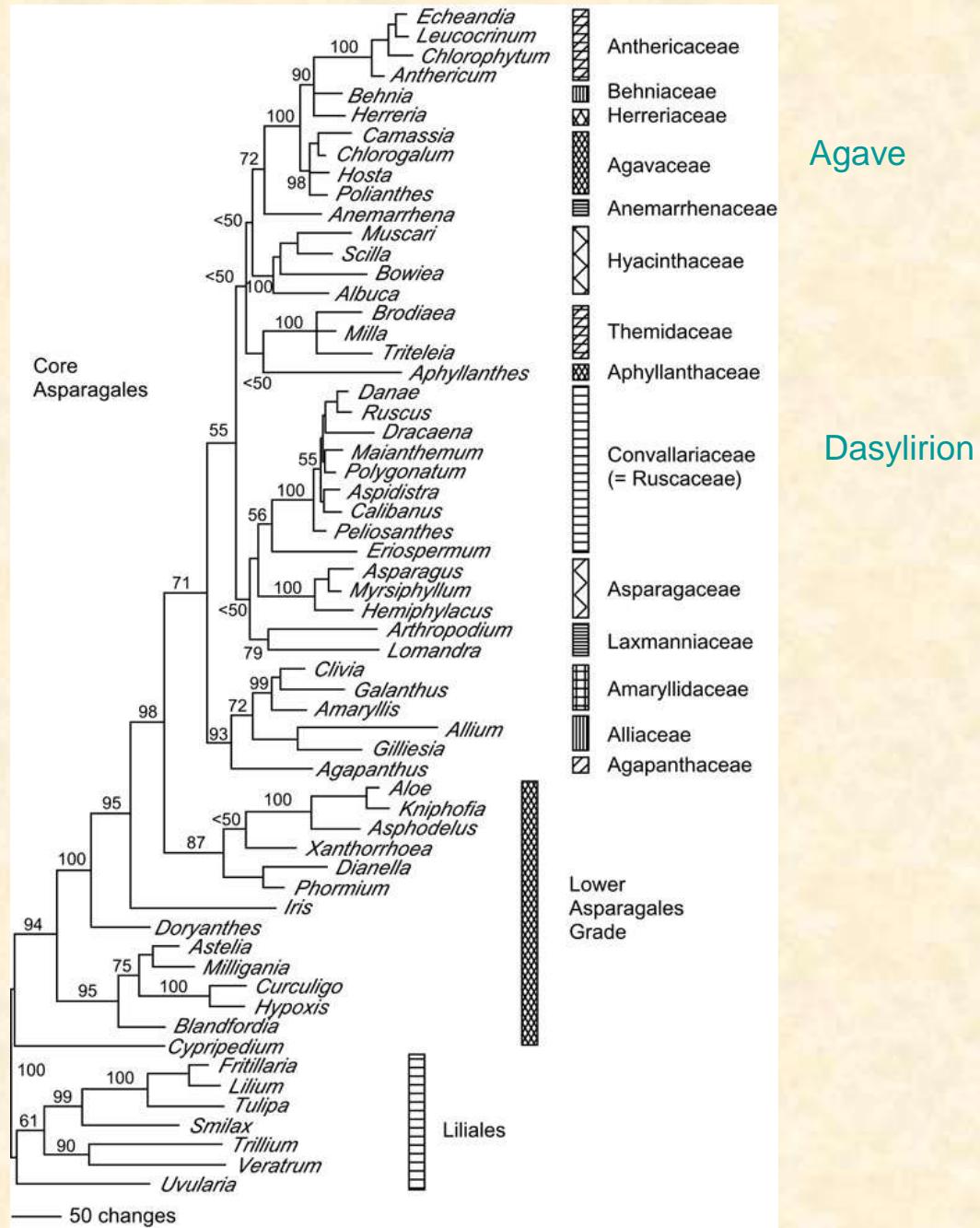


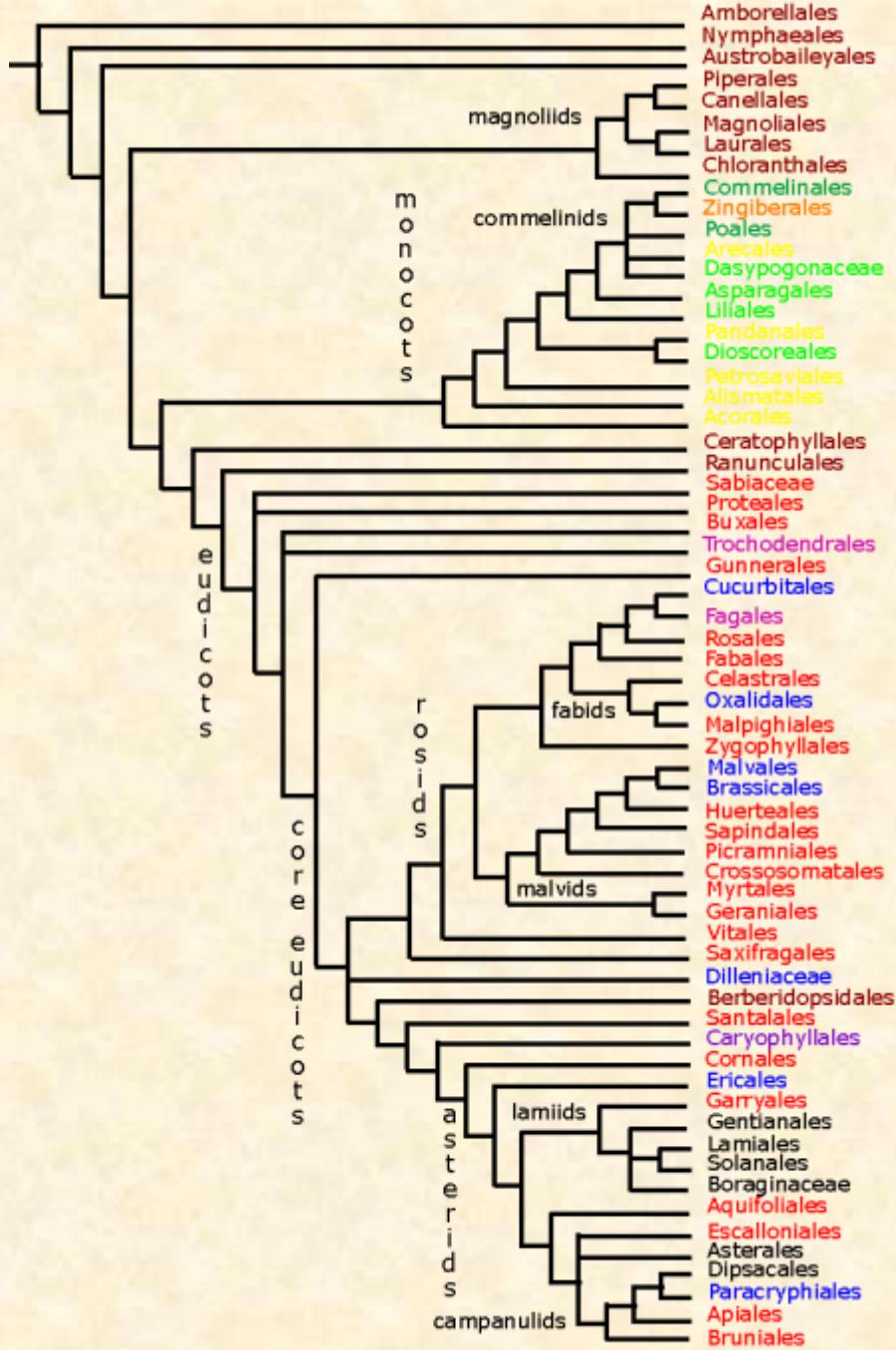
**The Families of the Monocotyledons,**  
Dahlgren, Clifford, and Yeo, 1985  
**System based on work of Huber, 1969**  
Examined micro-characters of seed coat,  
cuticle, endosperm, embryo etc  
**Monocots derived from Dioscoreales-like  
dicot ancestor**  
**Liliiflorae divided into major groups**  
Dioscoreales - 7 families  
Asparagales - 31 families  
Liliales - 10 families  
Melanthiales - 2 families

Rolf Dahlgren  
1980s  
Microcharacters  
“Lacrymograms”



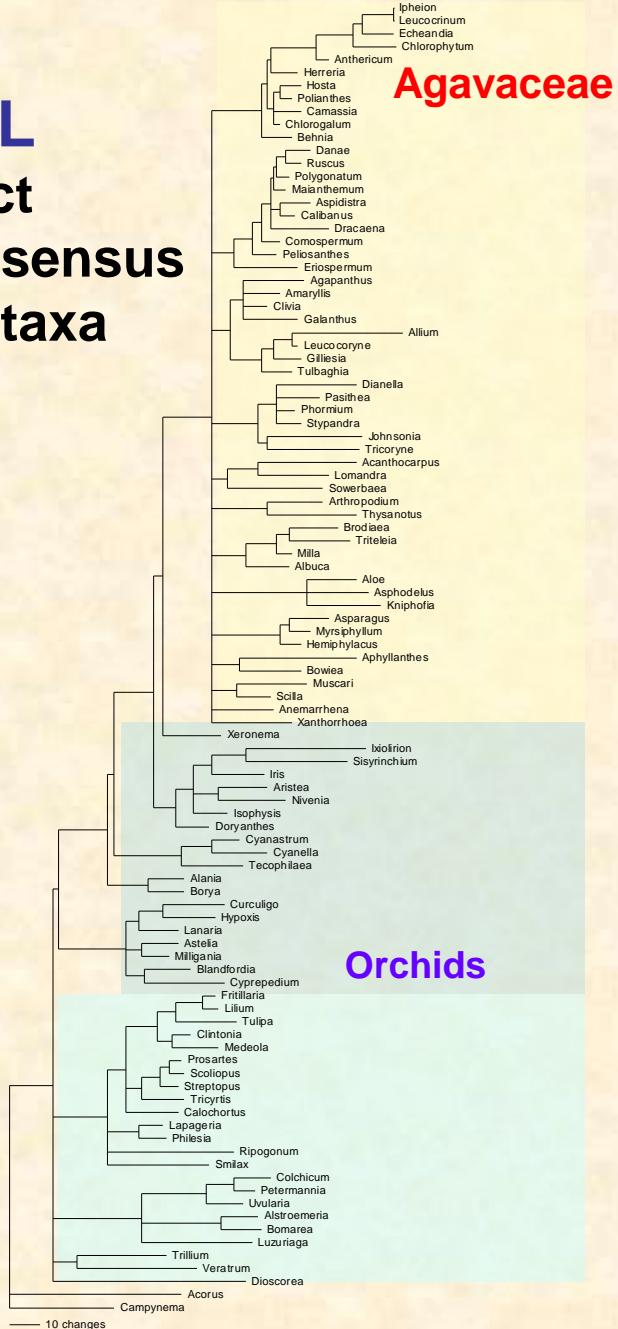
# Combined rbcL and ndhF Sequence data





APG III Phylogeny of Flowering Plants

rbcL  
Strict  
Consensus  
100 taxa



**Asparagales**  
Seeds characters  
Phytomelan Pigment

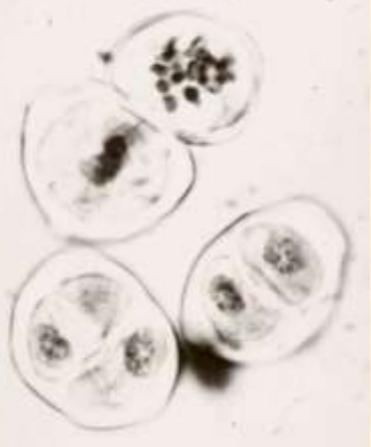
Higher  
Asparagales



Lower  
Asparagales

Liliales

10 changes

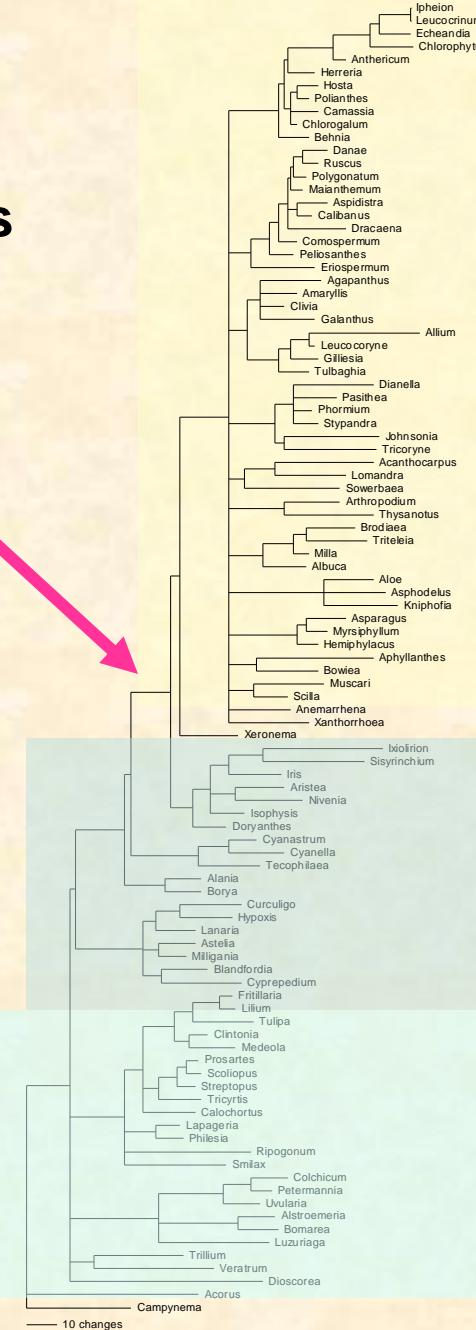


**rbcL**  
**Strict  
Consensus**  
**100 taxa**

Successive Microsporogenesis

Agavaceae

Higher  
Asparagales



Simultaneous Microsporogenesis

Lower  
Asparagales

Liliales

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## Interactive Key to Monocot Families of the U.S.

David Bogler, Missouri Botanical Garden, USDA-NRCS

- 1. Aquatic, growing in or on water**
- 2. Aquatic, submerged**
- 3. Aquatic, emergent**
- 4. Aquatic, leaves floating**
- 5. Aquatic, fresh water**
- 6. Aquatic, marine**
- 7. Terrestrial**
- 8. Herbaceous**
- 9. Woody**
- 10. Trees or shrubs**
- 11. Lianas or vines**
- 12. Pseudostem, formed from leaf bases**
- 13. Epiphytes**
- 14. Saprophytes, lacking chlorophyll**
- 15. Annuals**
- 16. Perennials**
- 17. Rhizomes**
- 18. Rhizomes aromatic**
- 19. Bulbs**
- 20. Corms**

All Taxa:

- [Acoraceae](#)
- [Agavaceae](#)
- [Alismataceae](#)
- [Alliaceae](#)
- [Alstroemeriaceae](#)
- [Amaryllidaceae](#)
- [Aponogetonaceae](#)
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- [Colchicaceae](#)
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- [Costaceae](#)

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Sheet1:A3 @ {} Agave americana

	A	BZ	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH
1	1	Leaf margins straight	Leaf margins undulate, wavy	Leaf margins entire	Leaf margins armed with teeth	Teeth small, denticulate to 1-2 mm long	Teeth 2-10 mm long	Teeth straight, upcurved	Teeth decurrent, recurved	Smaller interstitial teeth between larger teeth
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26	Agave toumeyana	26	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
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28	Agave utahensis	28	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
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## **Nehemiah Grew**

1641-1712

Anatomy of Plants - 1682

Anatomy of Vegetables

Anatomy of Roots

Anatomy of Trunks

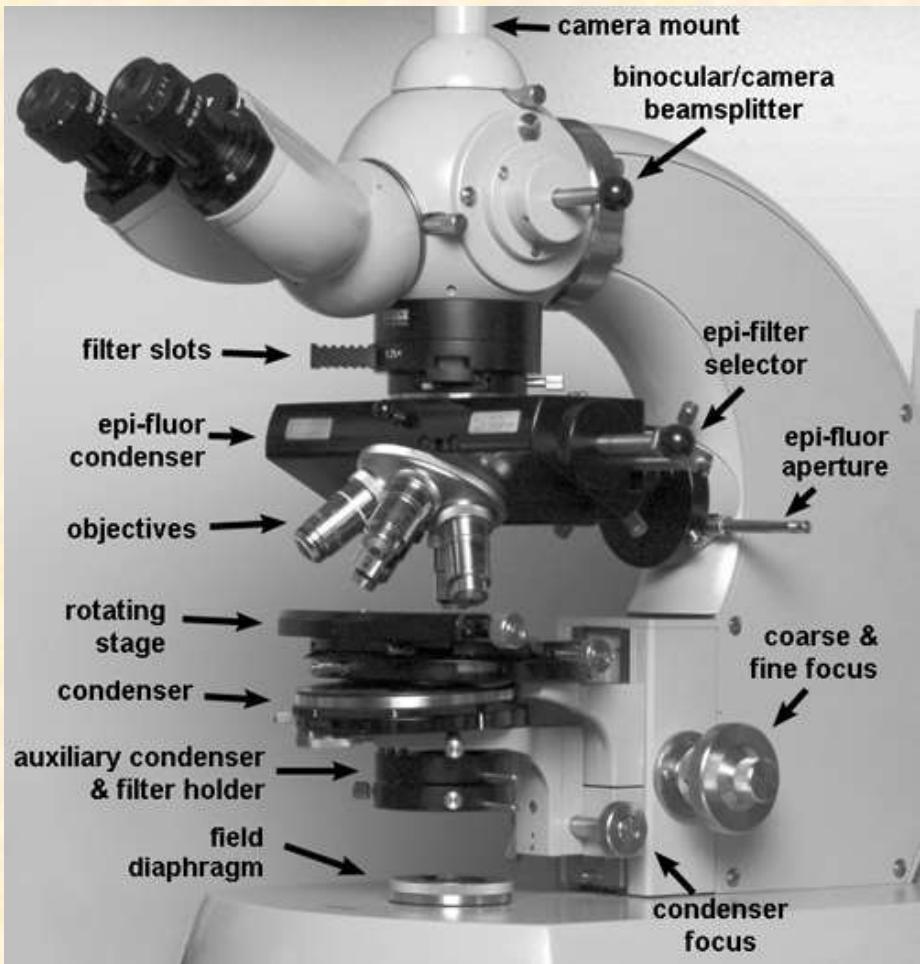
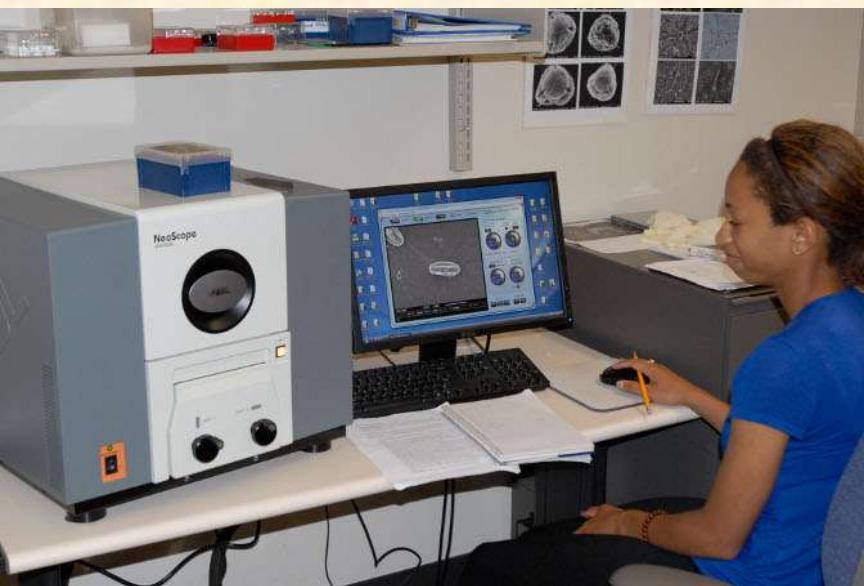
Anatomy of Leaves, Flowers, Fruits and Seeds

Described nearly all the morphological differences in stems and roots, identified stamens as male, described pollen, recognized differences in wood, parts of a seed, parenchyma,

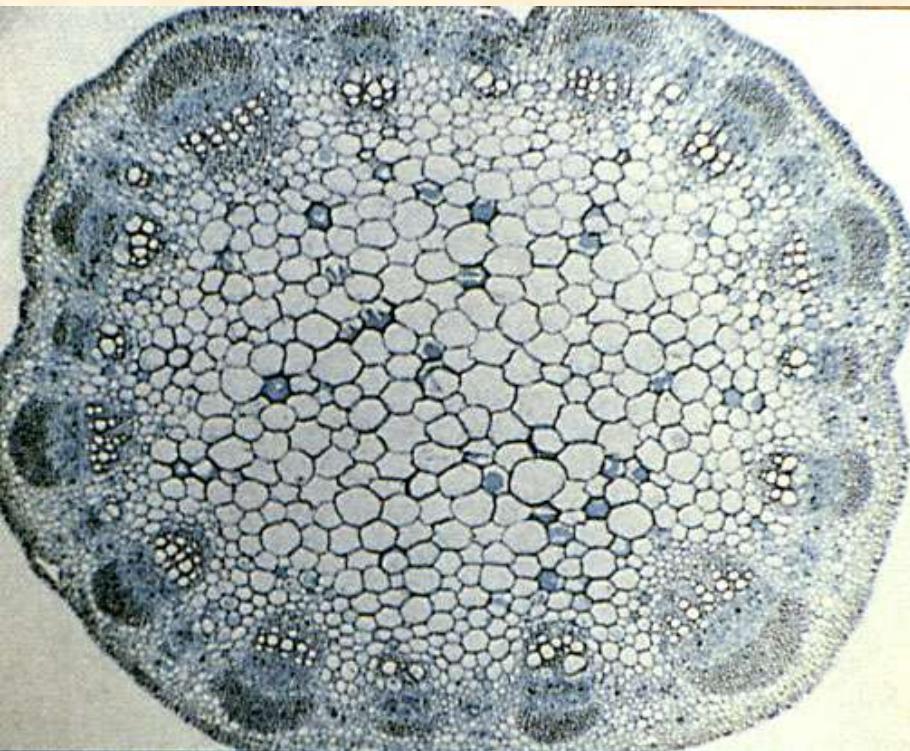


## **Marcello Malpighi**

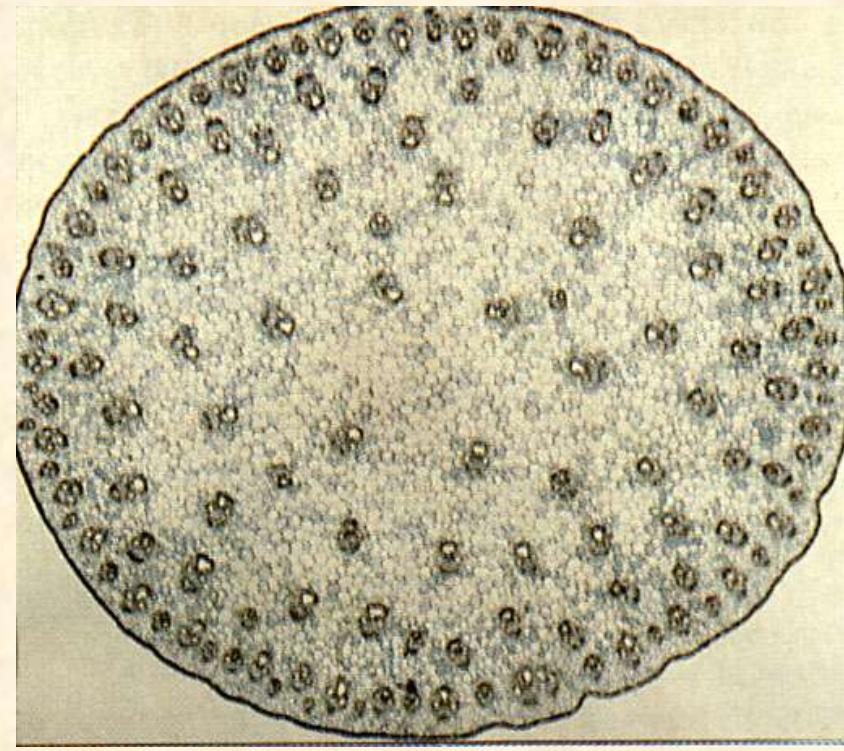
Anatome Plantarum (1675-1679)



# Stem Anatomy

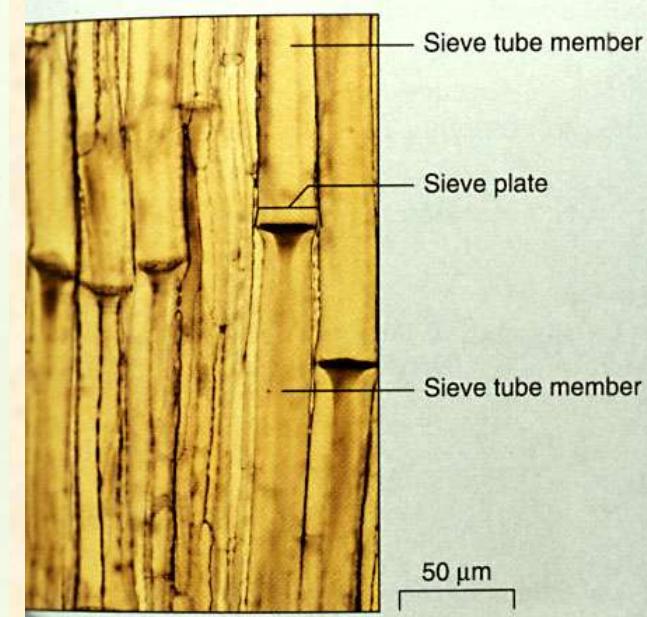
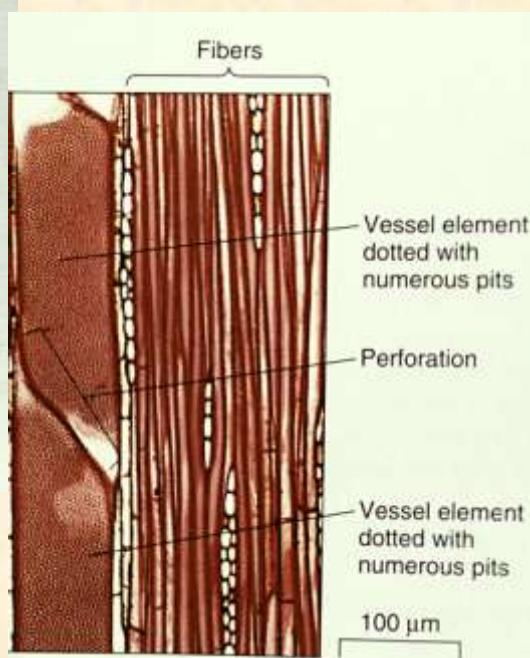
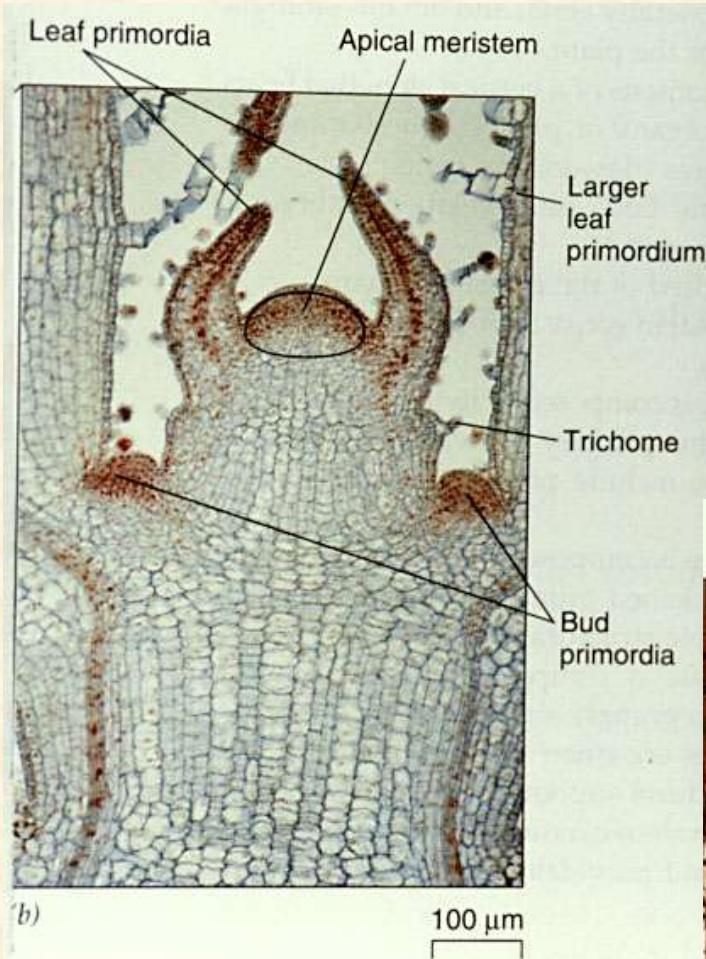


Dicot

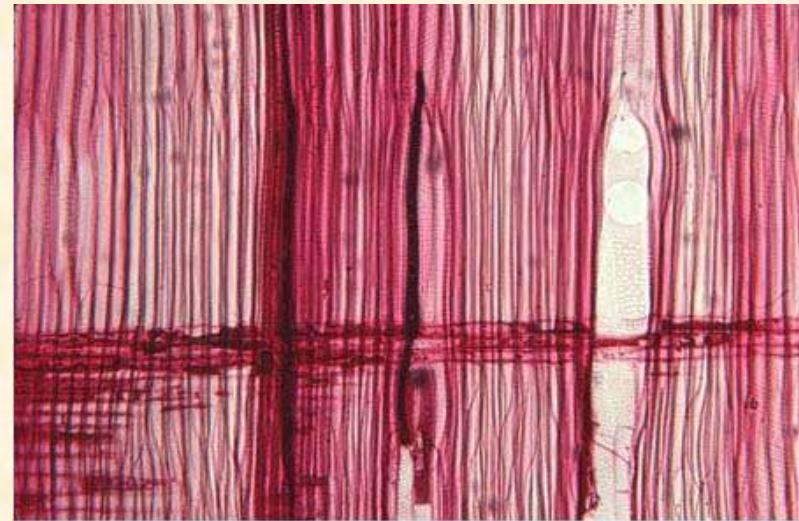
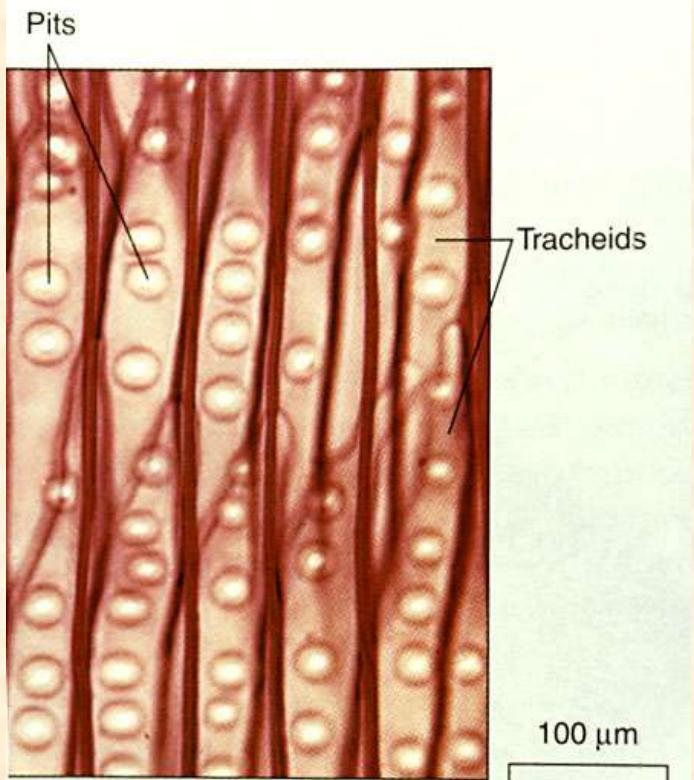
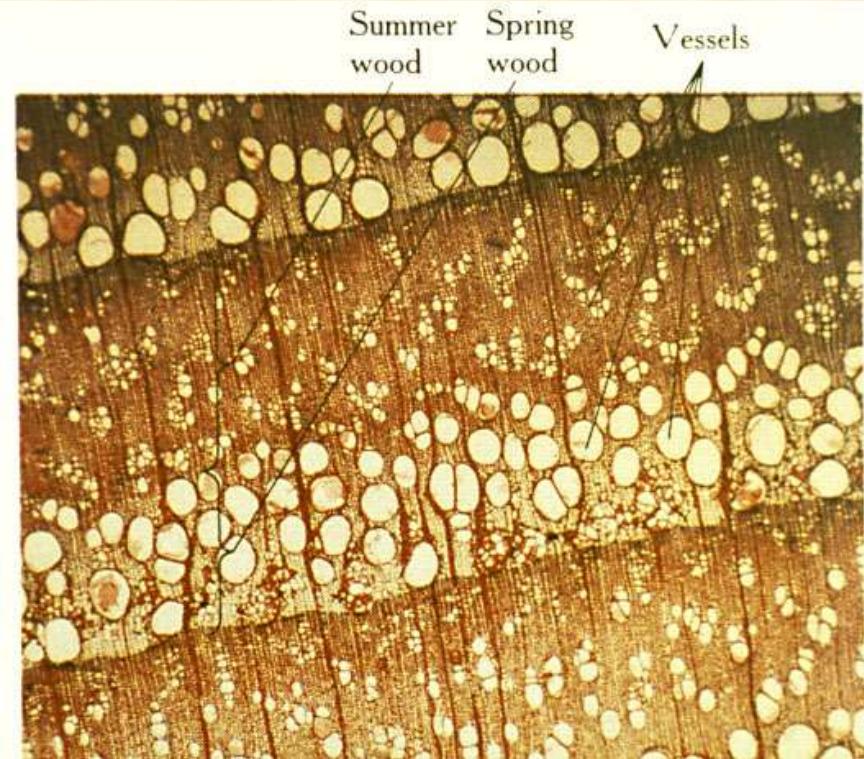


Monocot

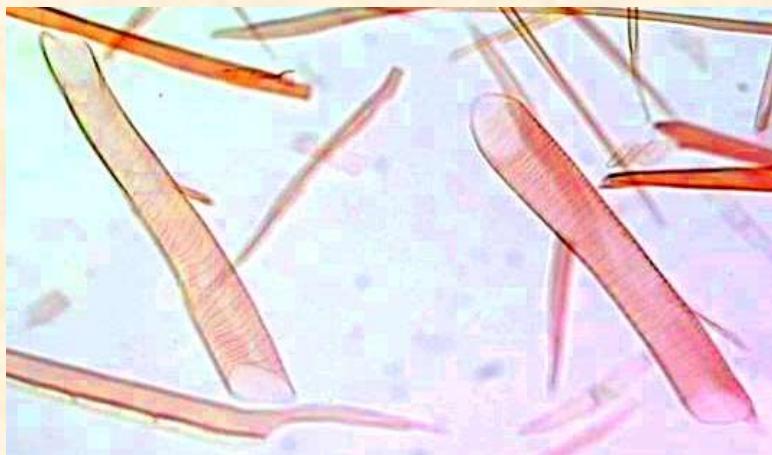
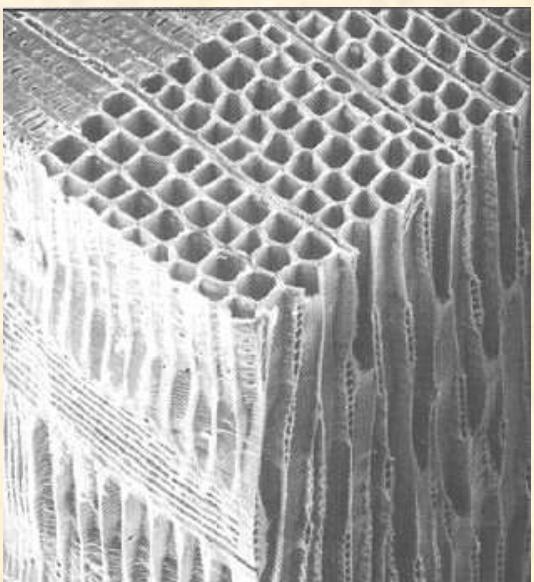
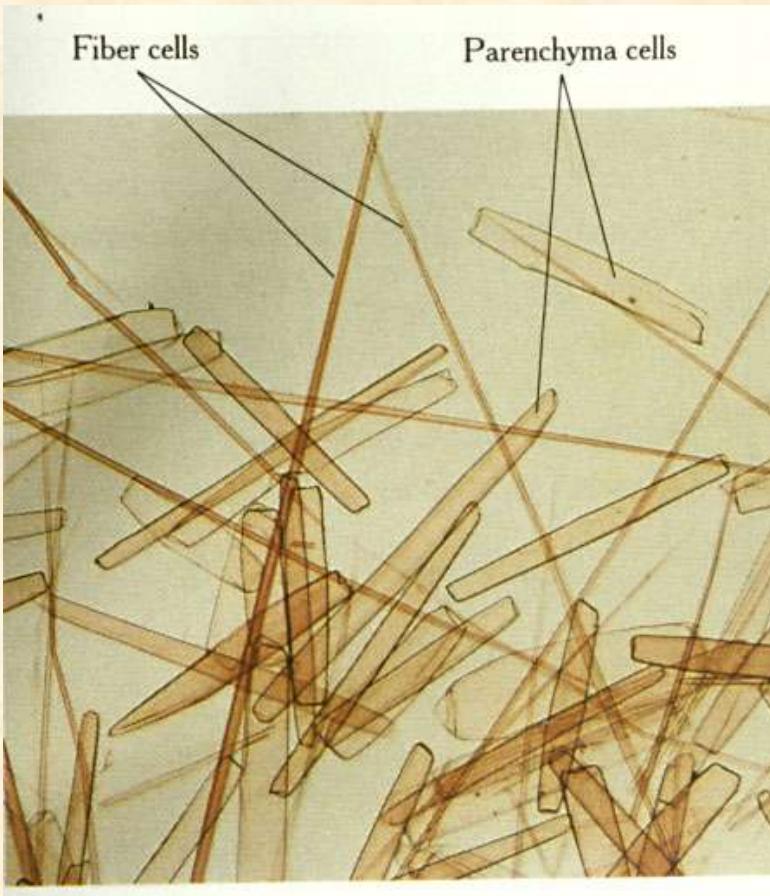
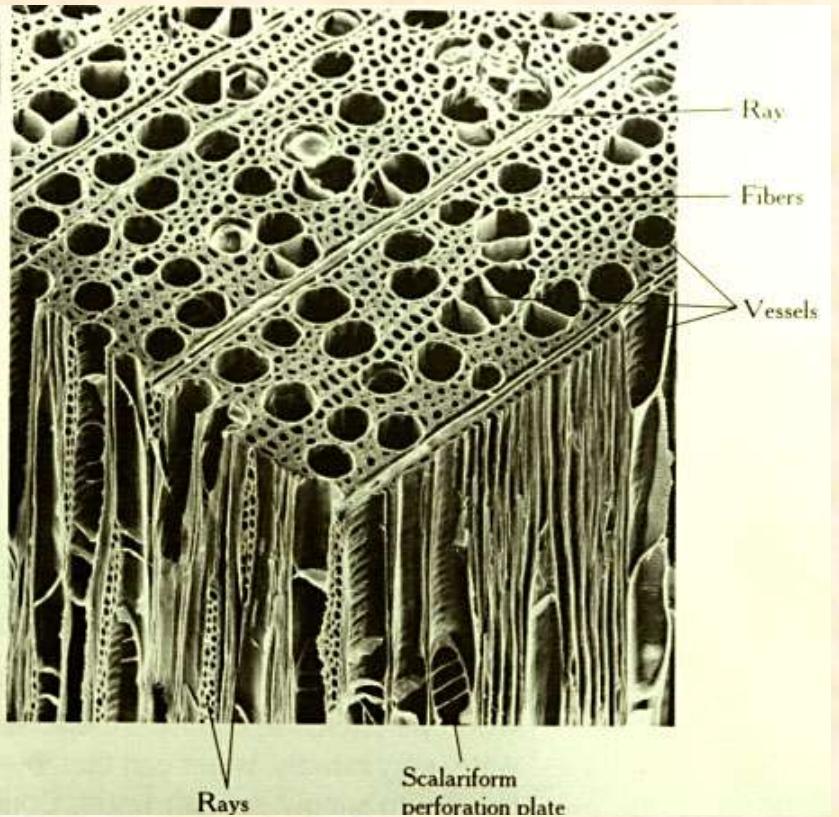
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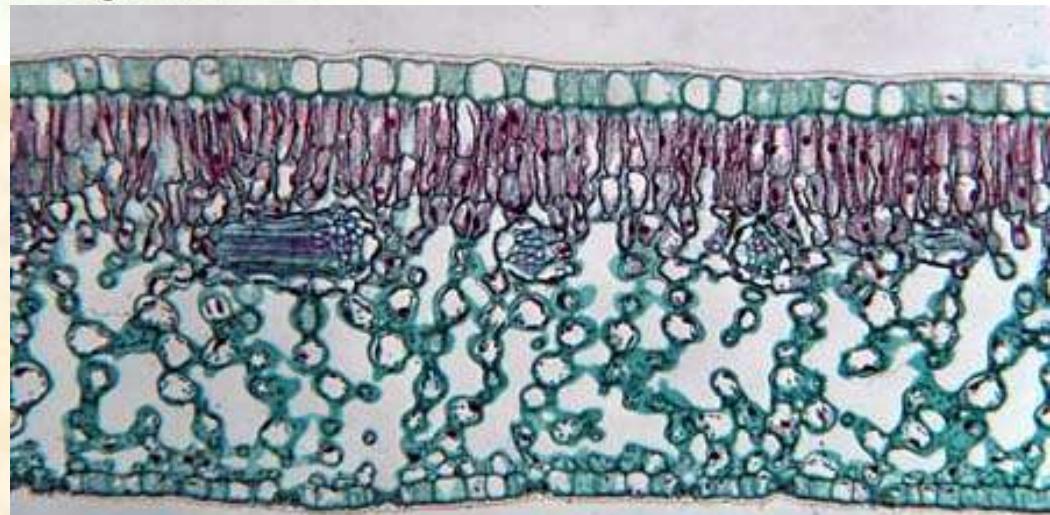
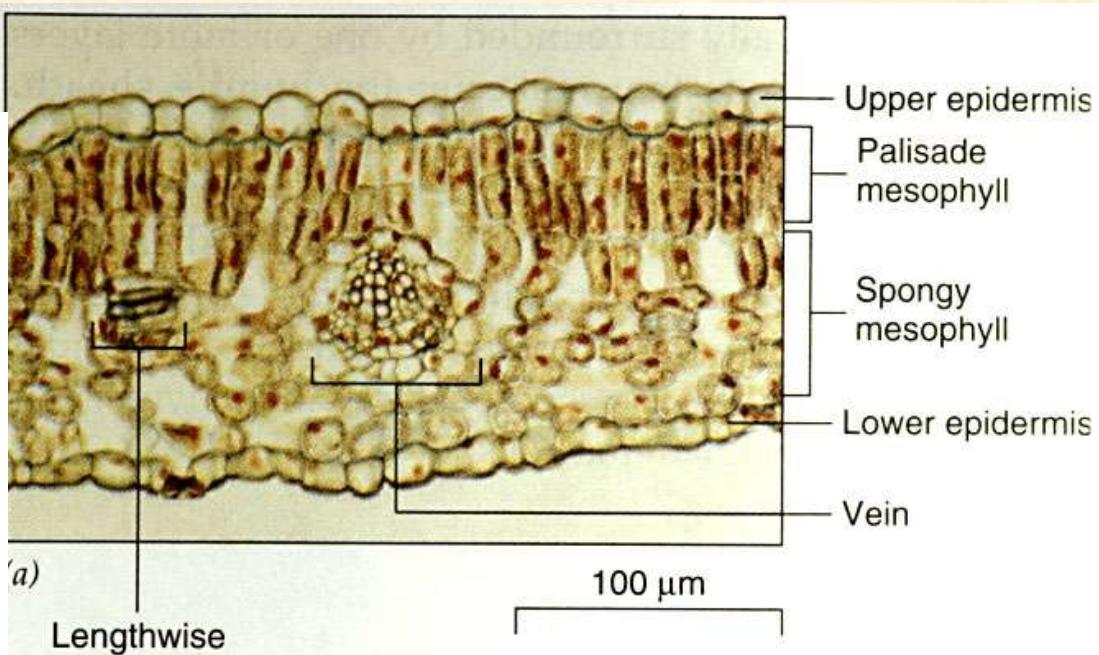
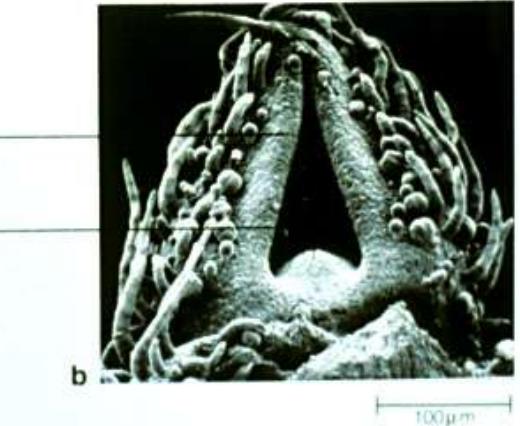
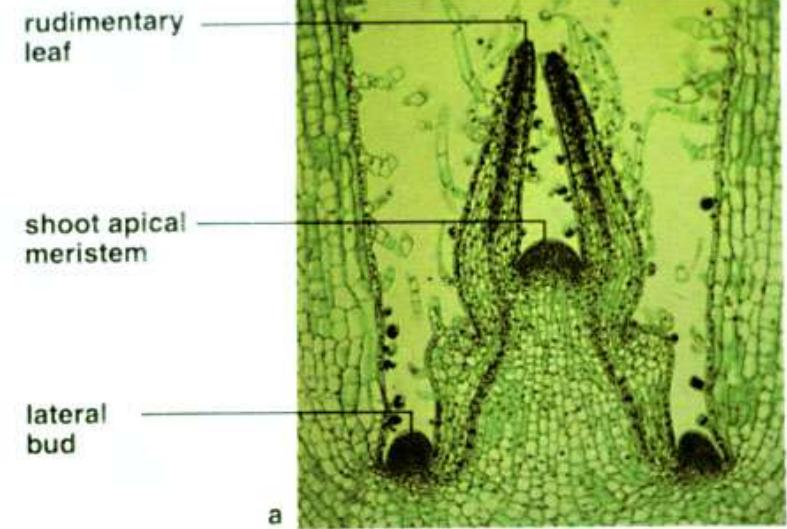
# Wood Anatomy



Acer wood radial section.

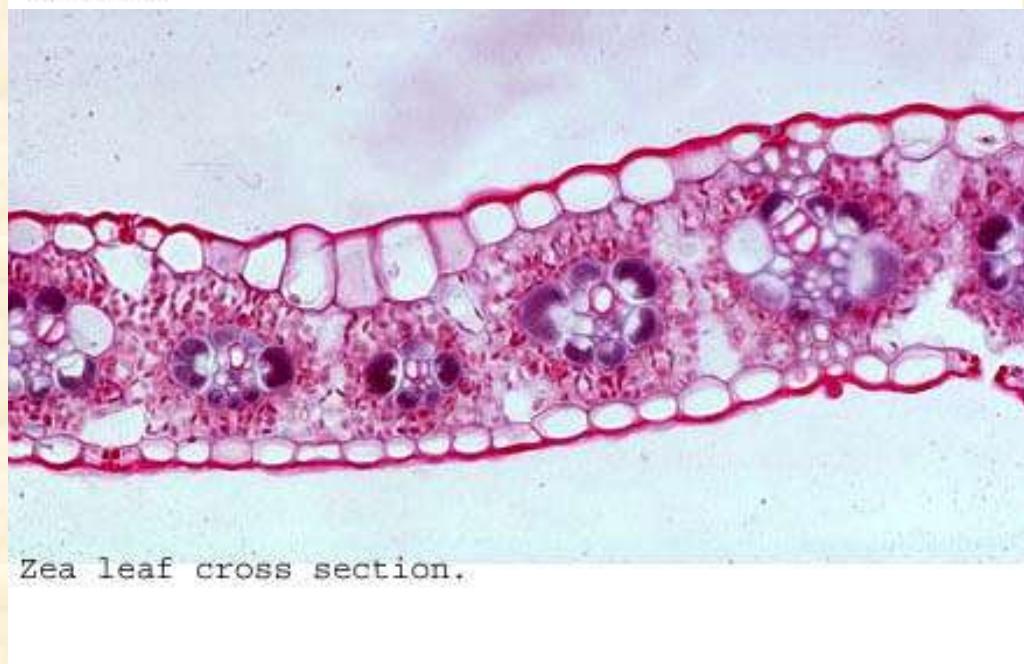
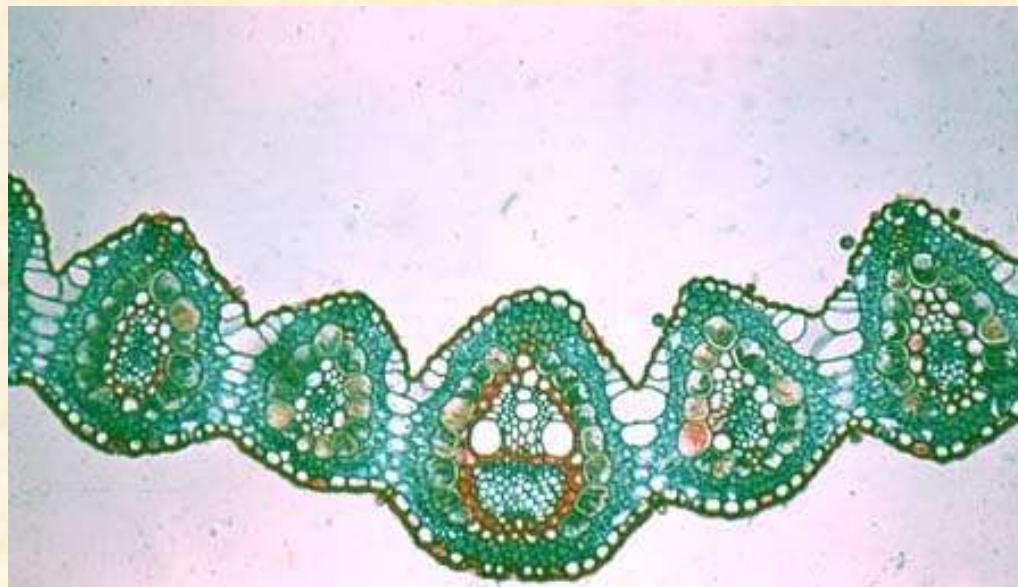
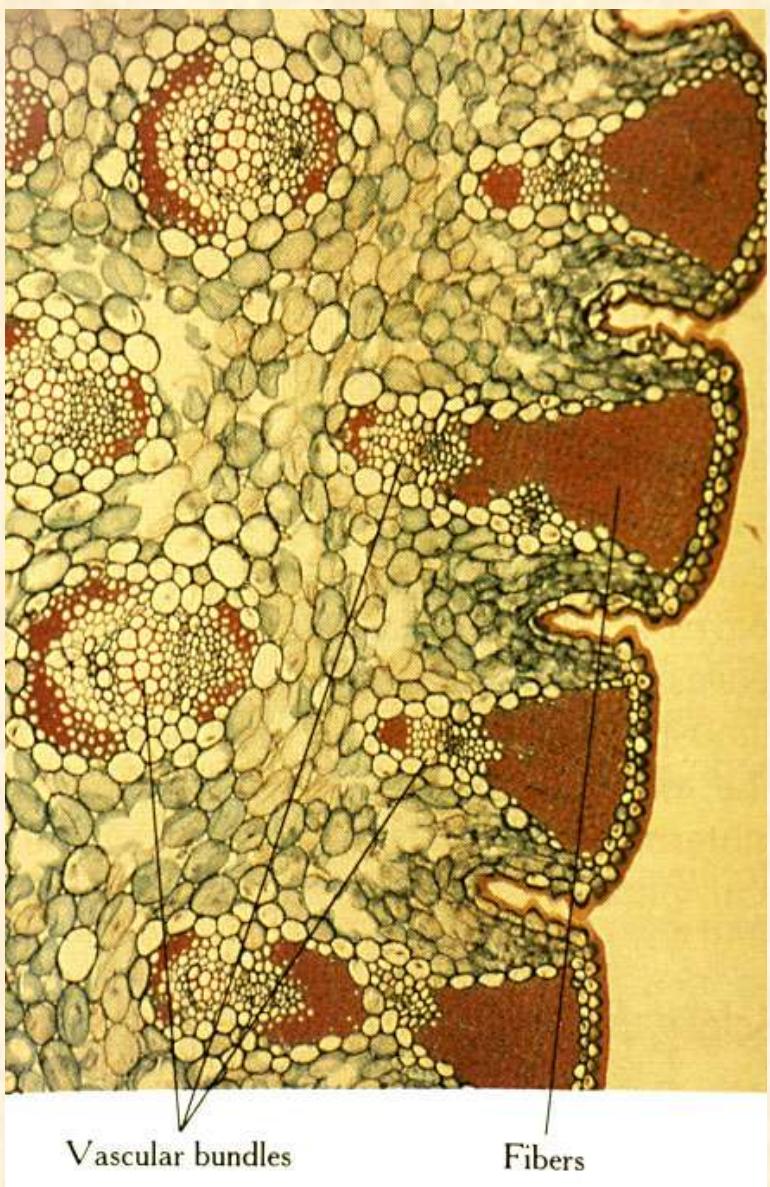






Ligustrum leaf cross section.

## Monocot Leaves



## Leaf Clearings

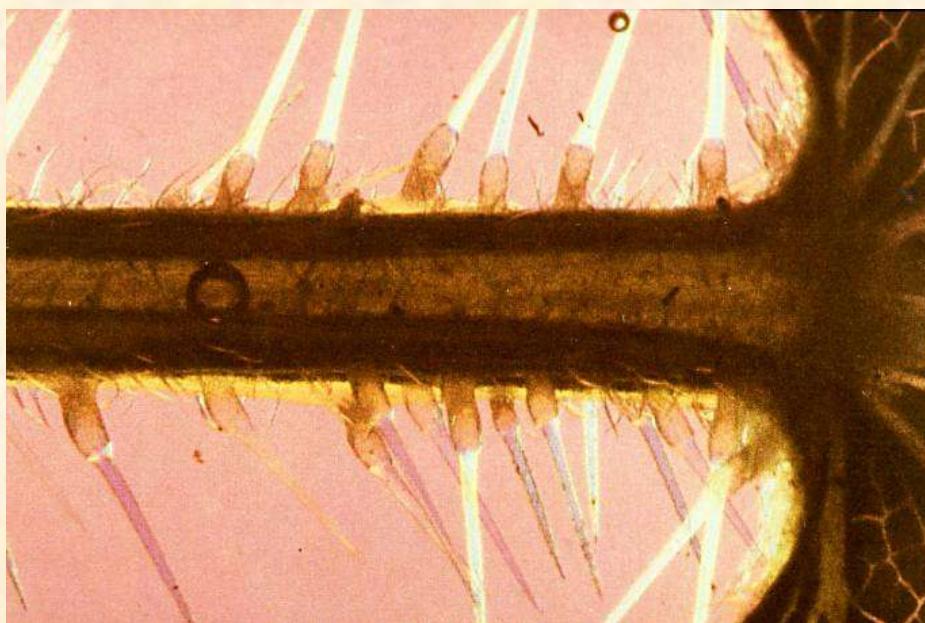
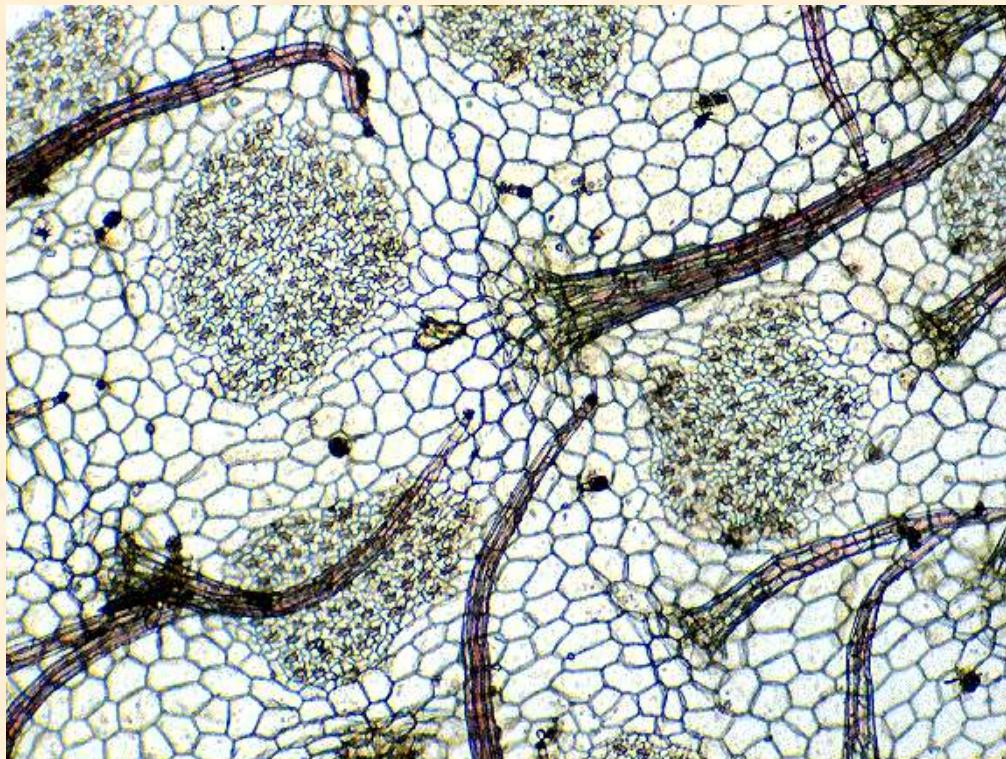


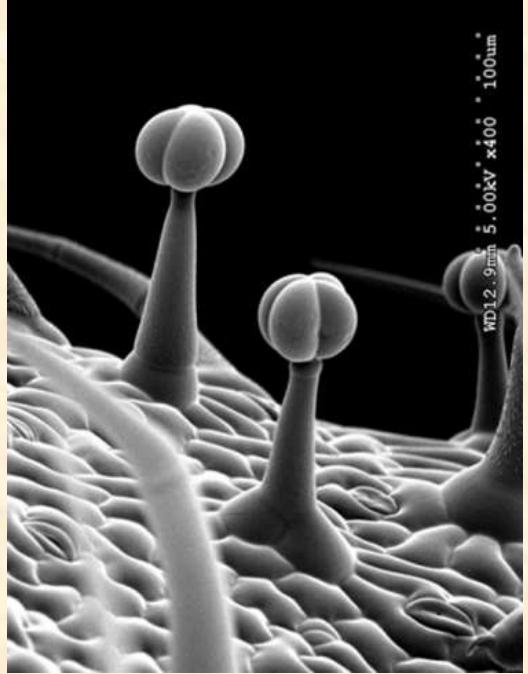
Longitudinal veins

Transverse veins

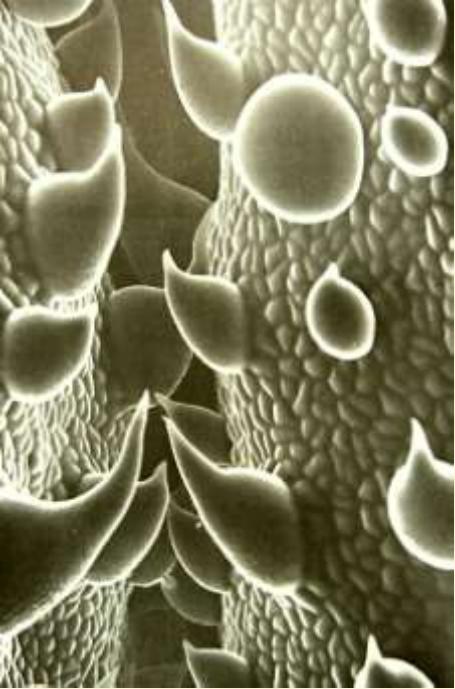


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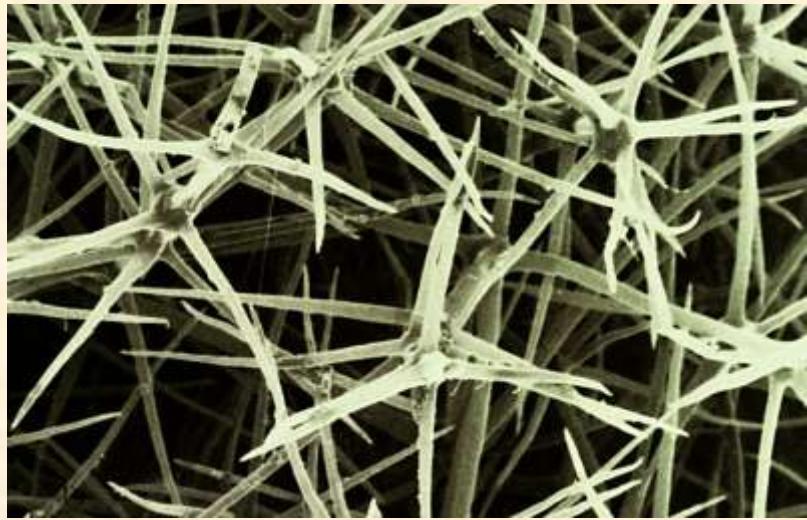




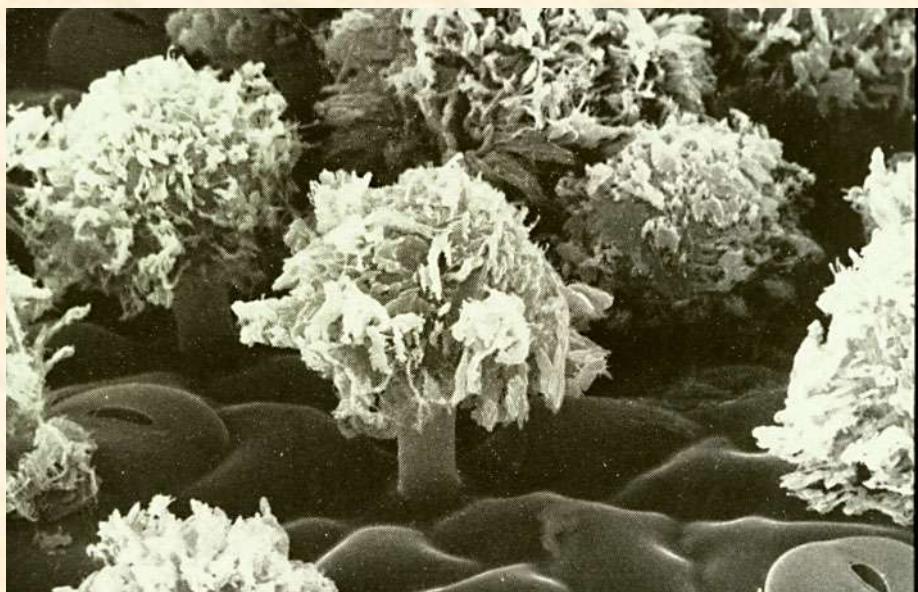
Solanum



Cannabis



Arabidopsis

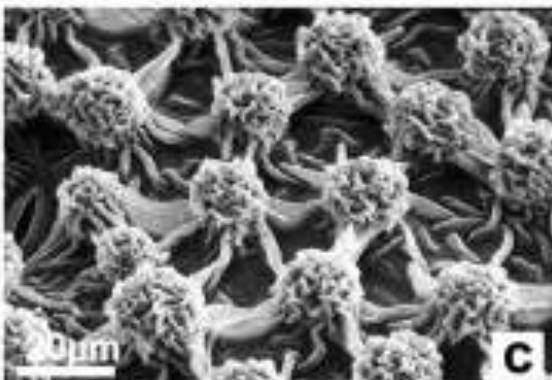
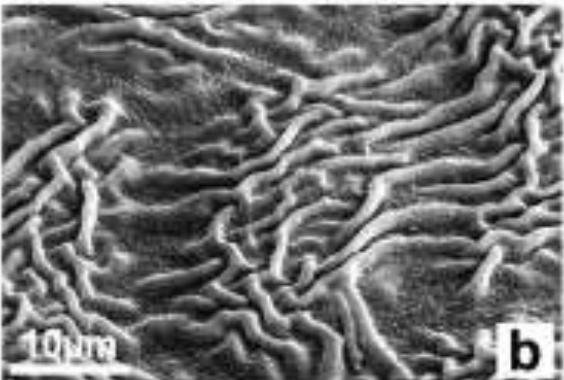
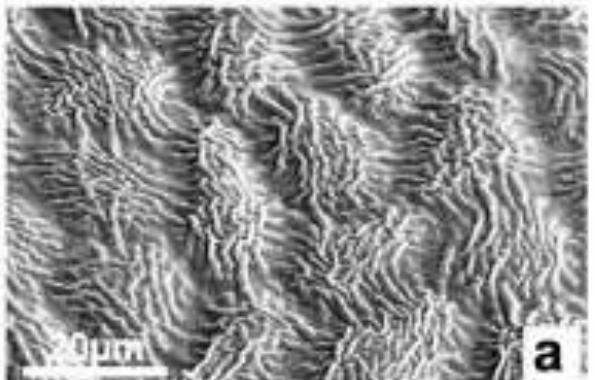


Primula



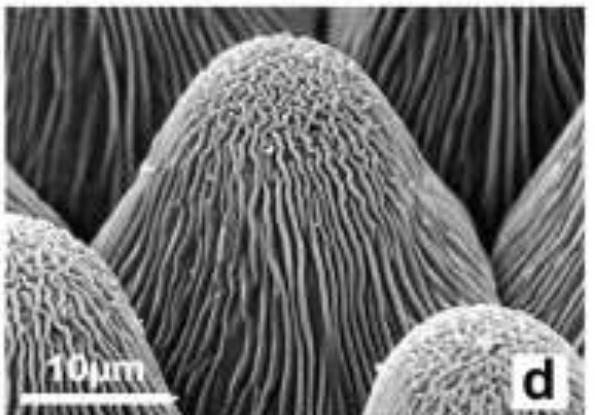
Eleagnus

# Cell surface structuring by cuticular folds

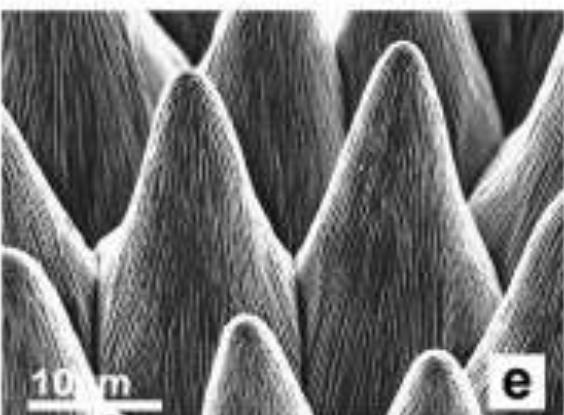


*Schismantoglottis neoguineensis*: upper leaf (a) side and a detail in (b)

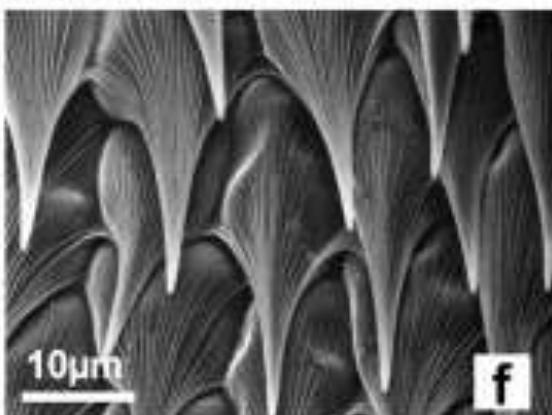
*Alocasia macrorhiza*: lower leaf side



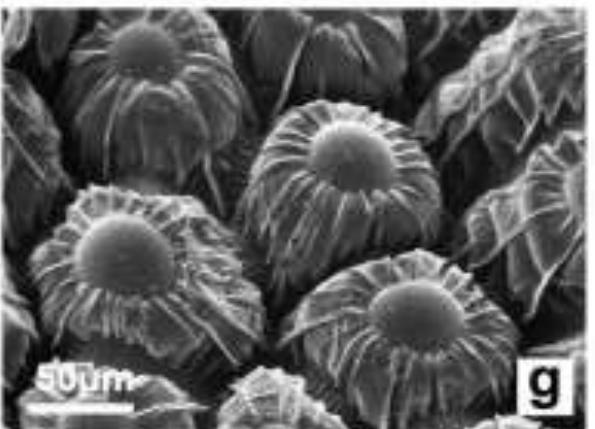
*Rosa montana*: upper side flower leaf



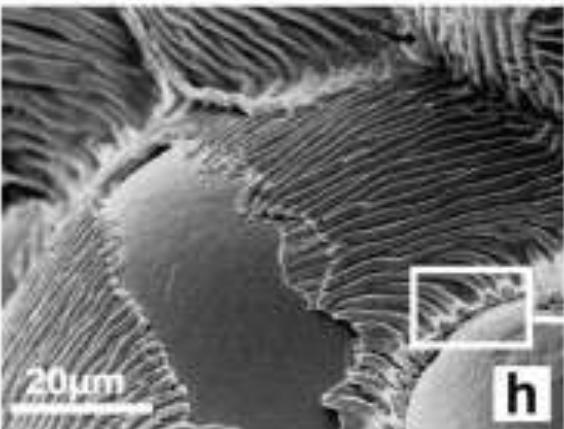
*Viola tricolor*: upper side flower leaf



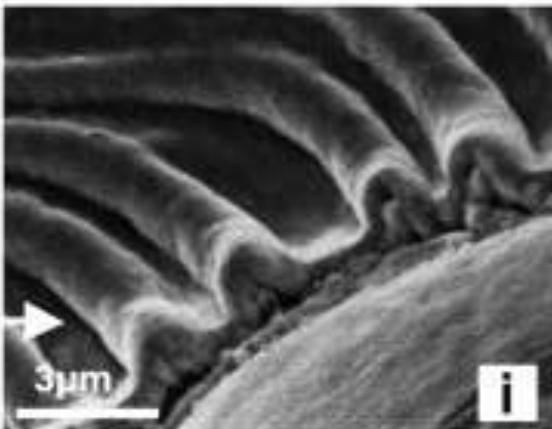
*Sarracenia leucophylla*: trap leaf



*Austrocactus patagonicus*: seed surface

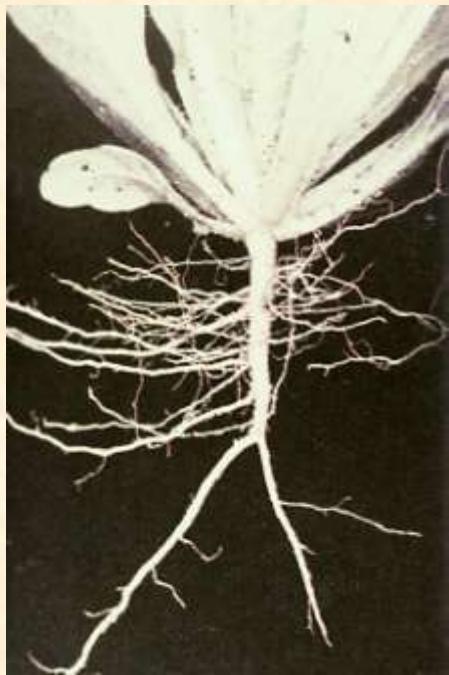


*Aztekium ritteri*: seed cells with a partial removed cuticle (h) and a detail (i)



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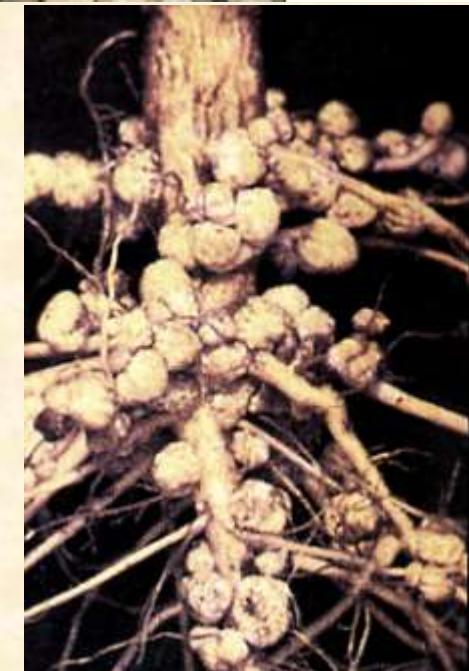
# Root Anatomy



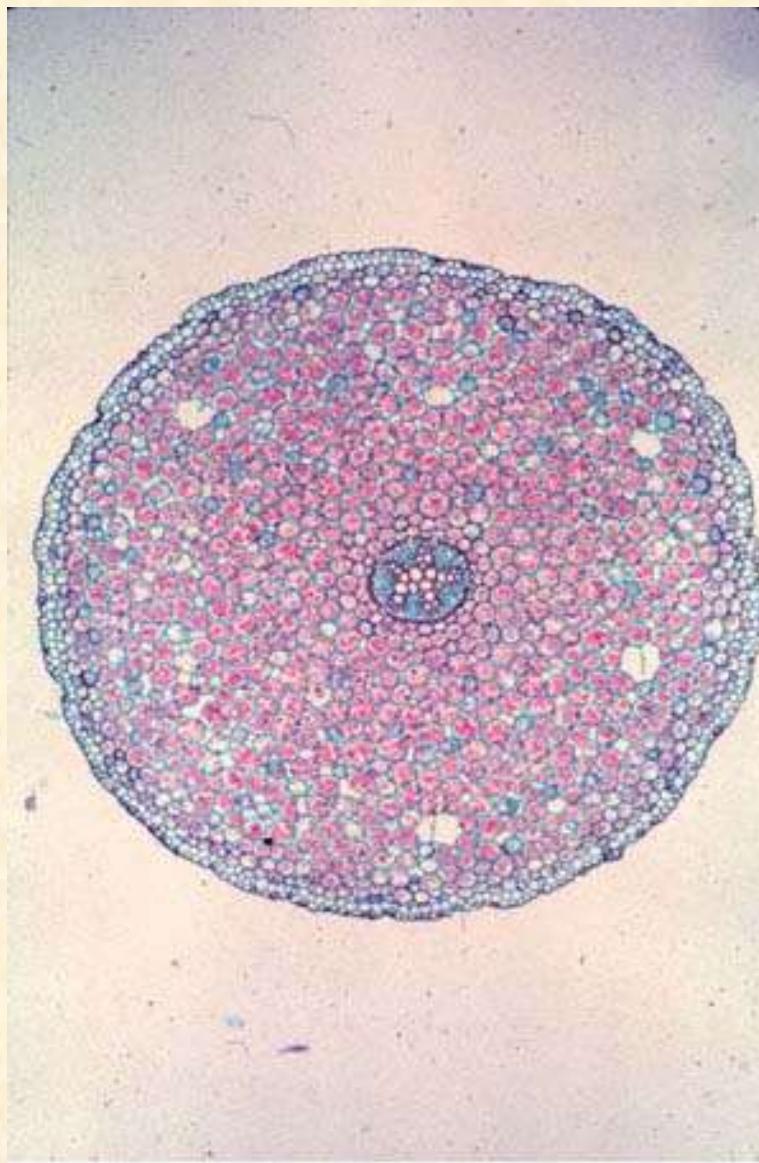
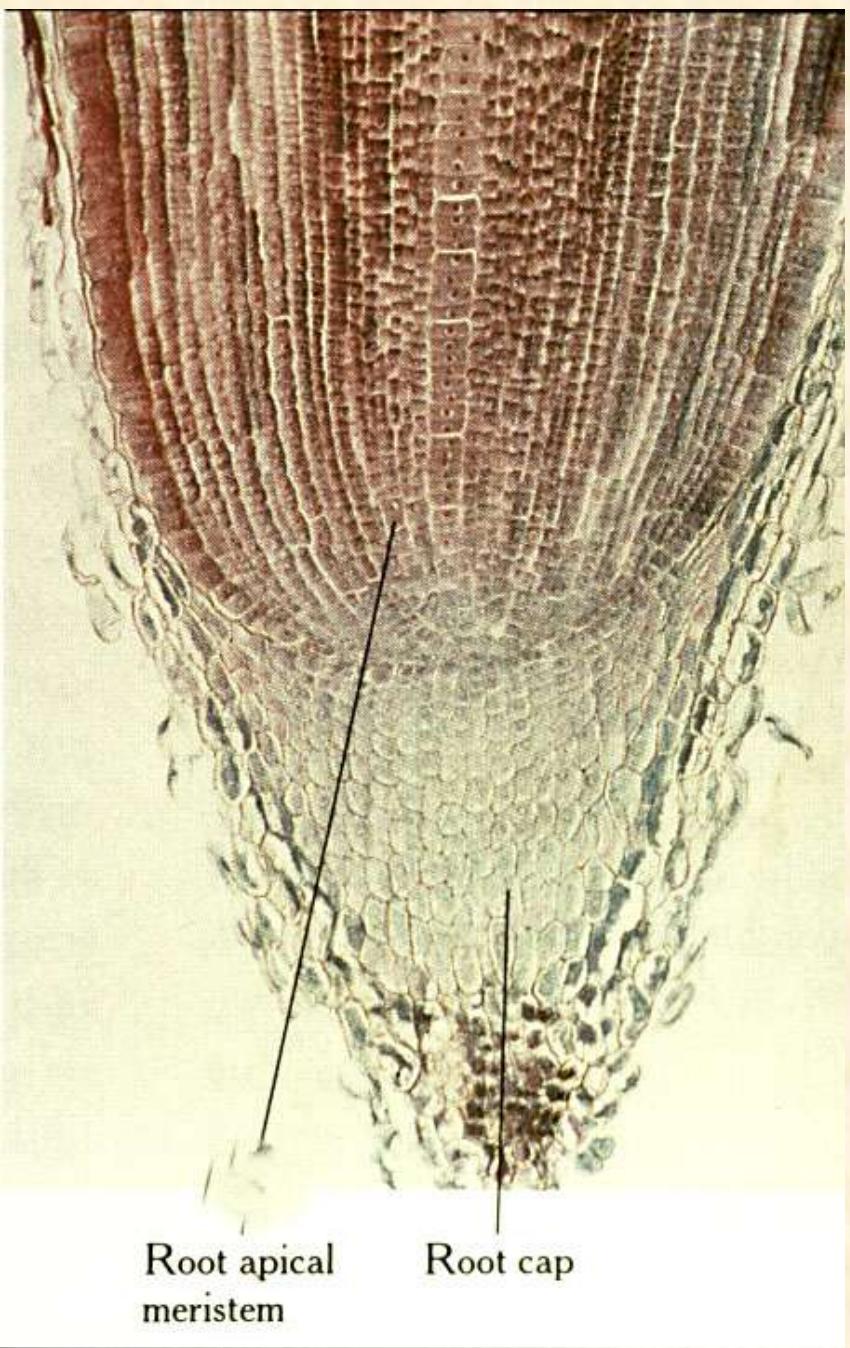
Contractile roots



Soil fungi

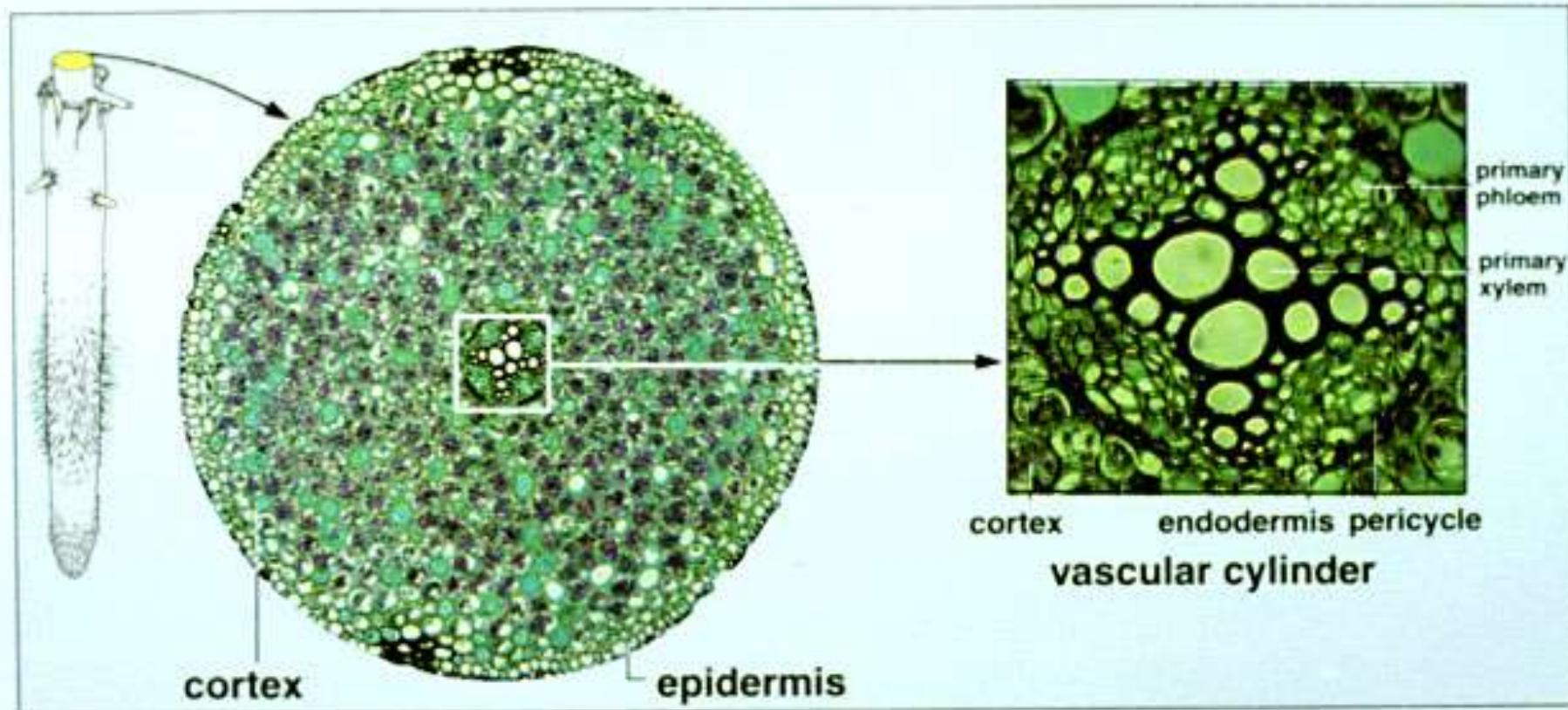


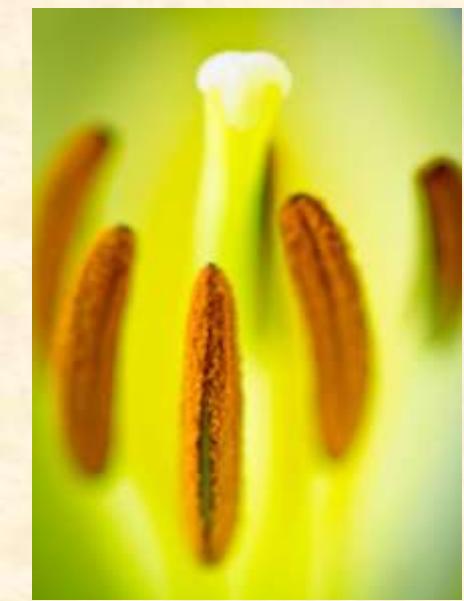
# Root Anatomy



Mature *Ranunculus* root cross section.

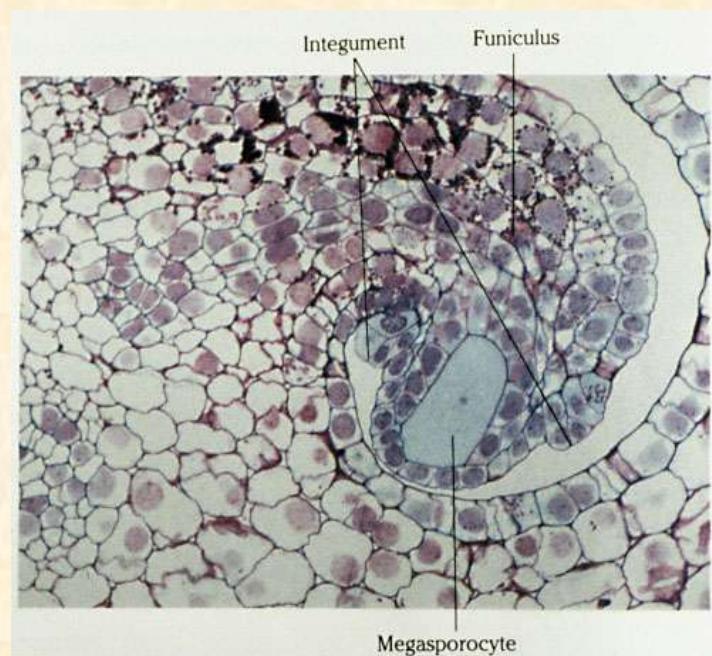
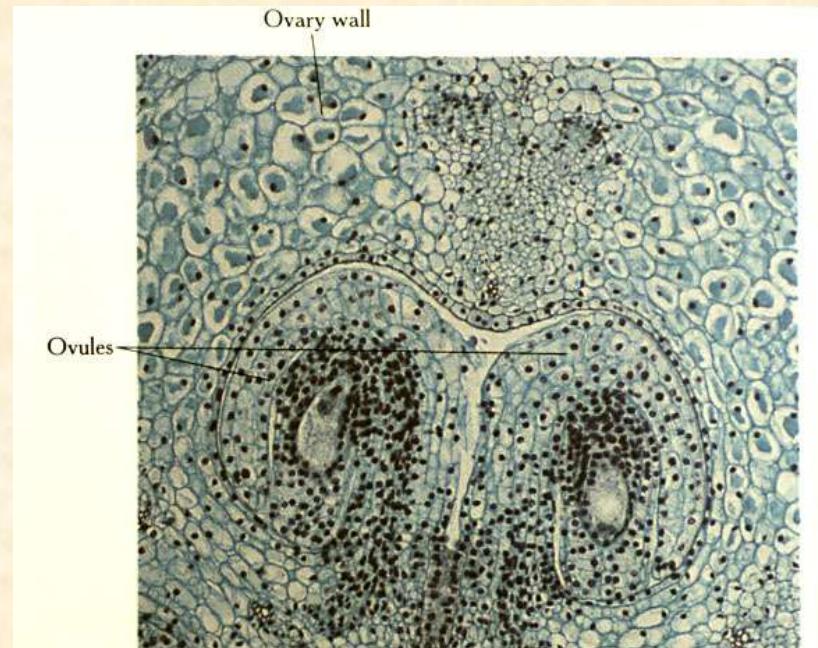
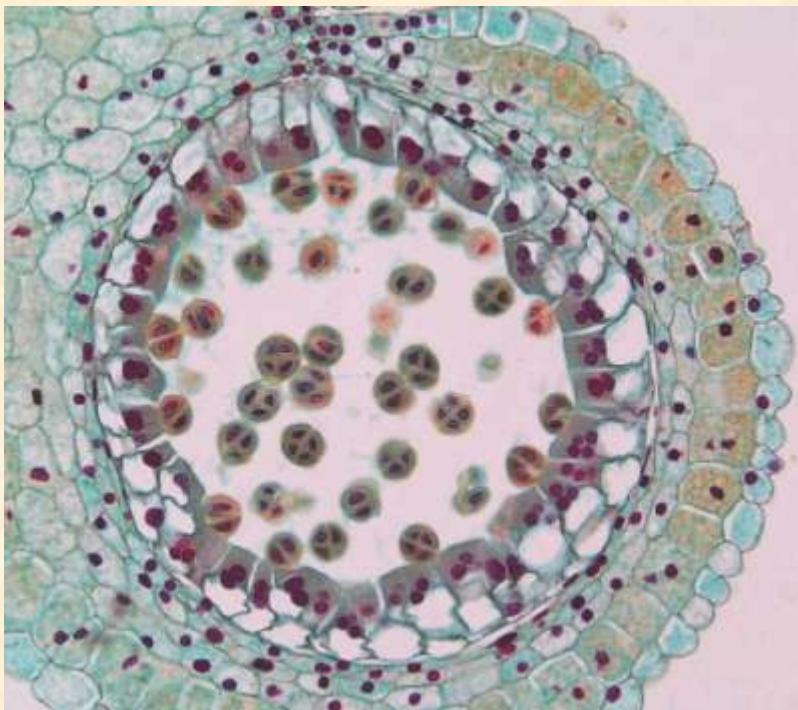
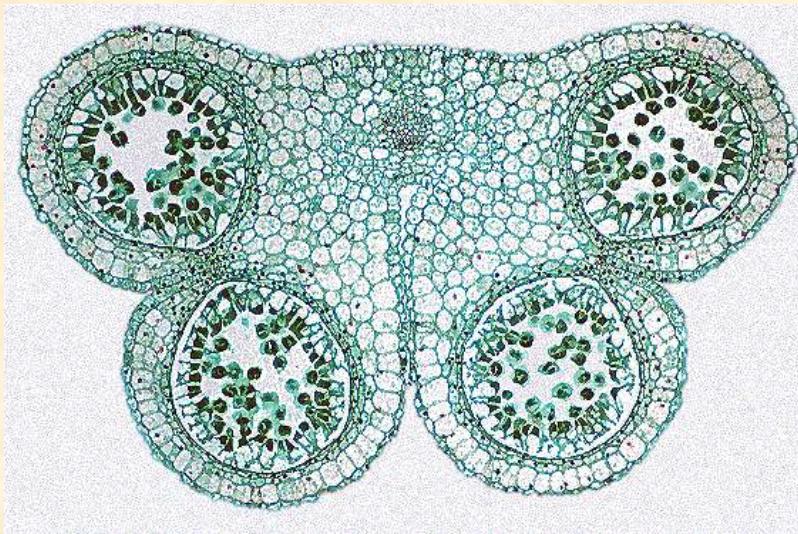
# Root Anatomy



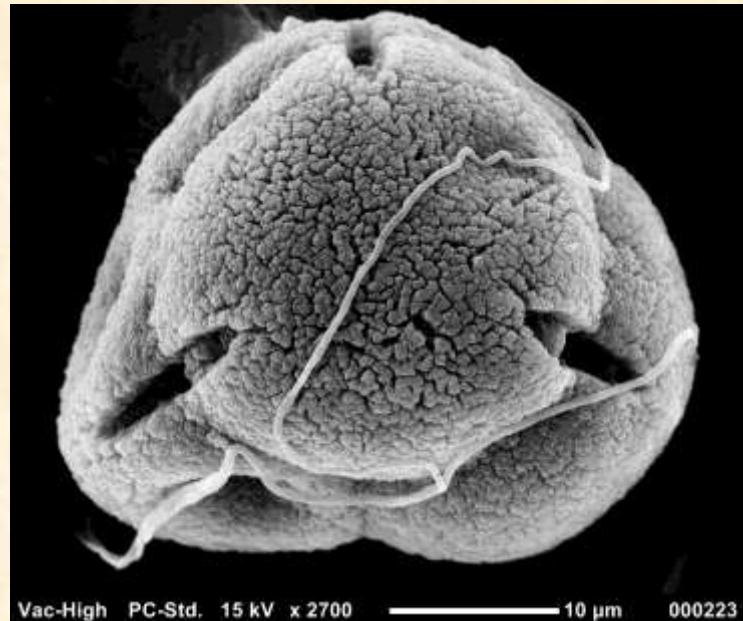
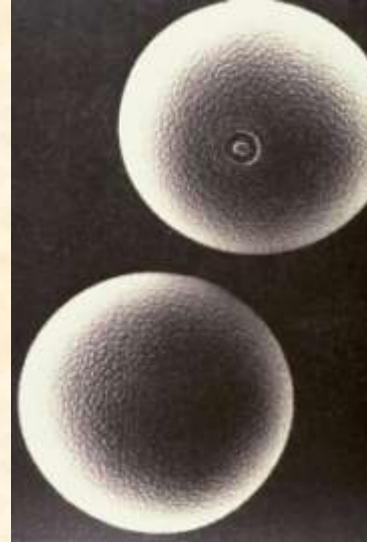
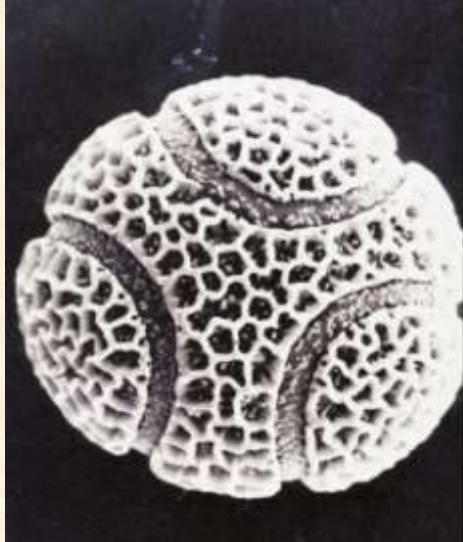


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# *Lilium* Anther



# Pollen



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**Welcome** to the Missouri Pollen Project (MPP). Here you will find illustrations, descriptions, and keys to identification of pollen grains from plants of Missouri and much of the Midwestern United States. The goal is to provide a means of identifying pollen, as well as summarizing what is known about pollination biology of Missouri plants. The MPP is part of a larger long-term project to develop baseline data on pollen and pollinators in natural and altered communities, information that may be useful in a changing world. The keys and images will also be useful to botanists, entomologists, archeologists, paleobotanists, allergists and many others.

**Navigating** the MPP pages is quite simple. Individual pages for each genus are accessed through the [Interactive Pollen Key](#). Here you will find a list of pollen characters on the left and a

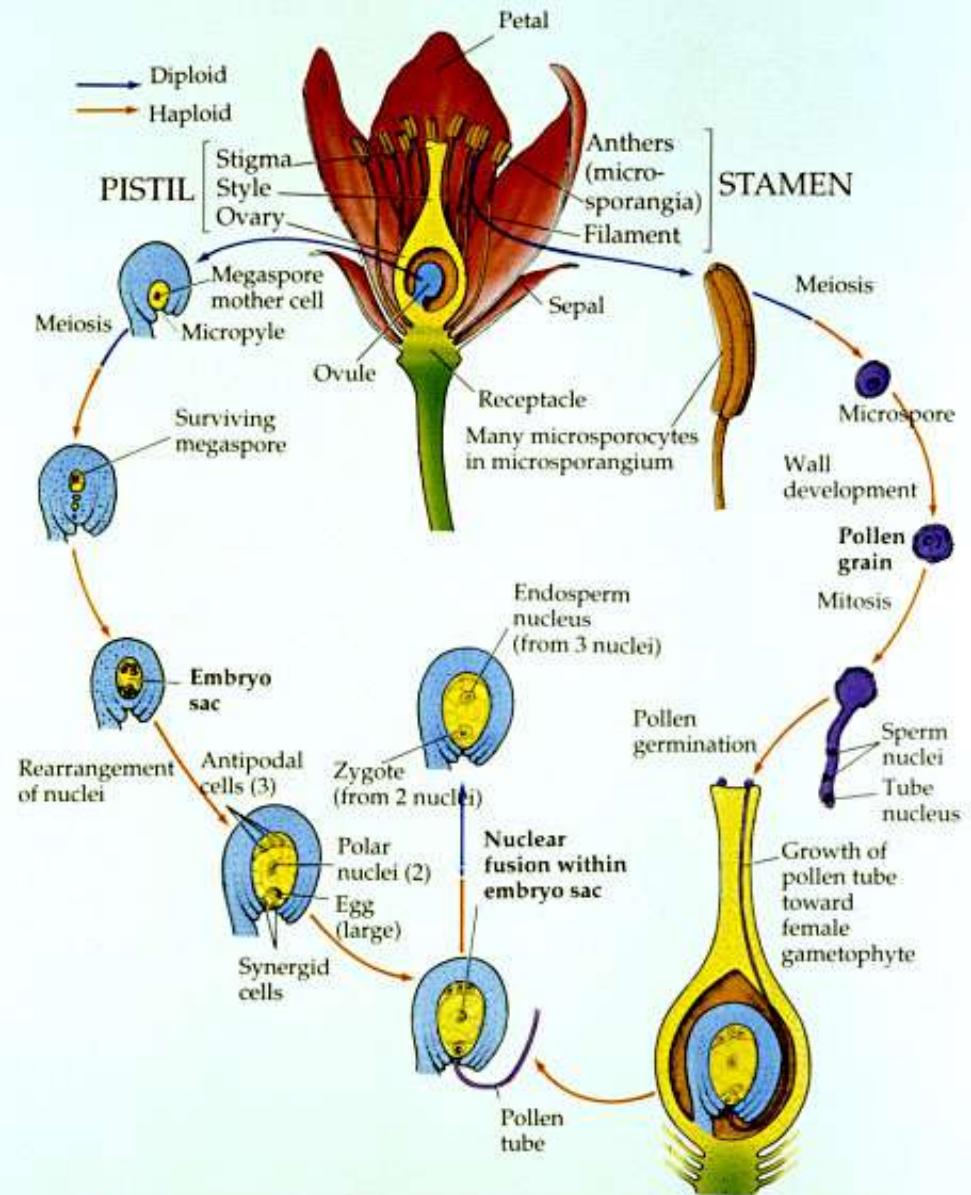
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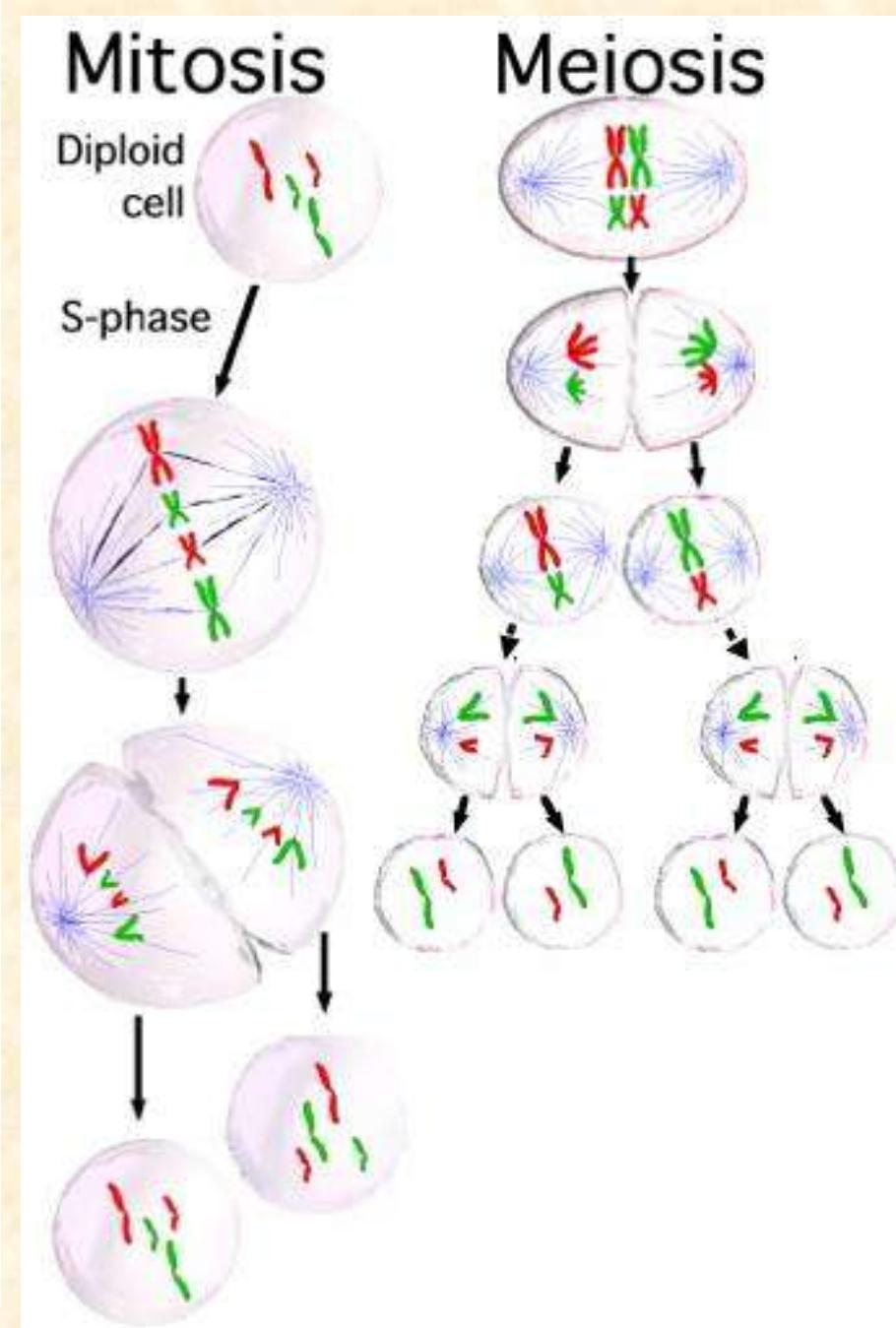
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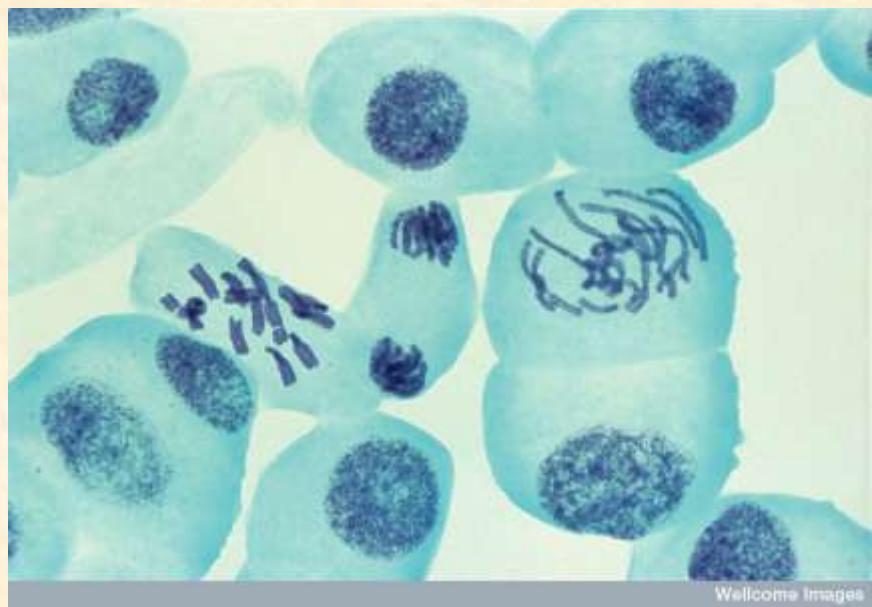
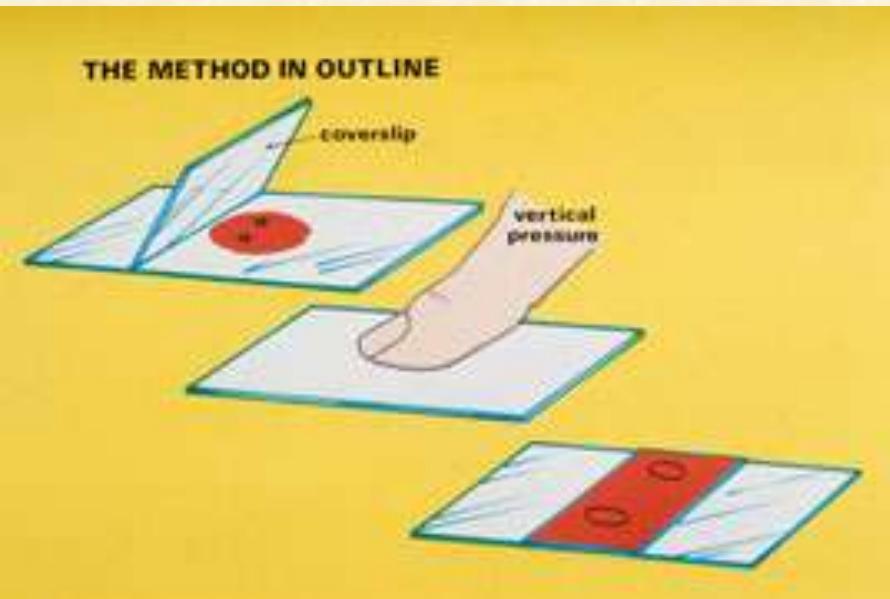
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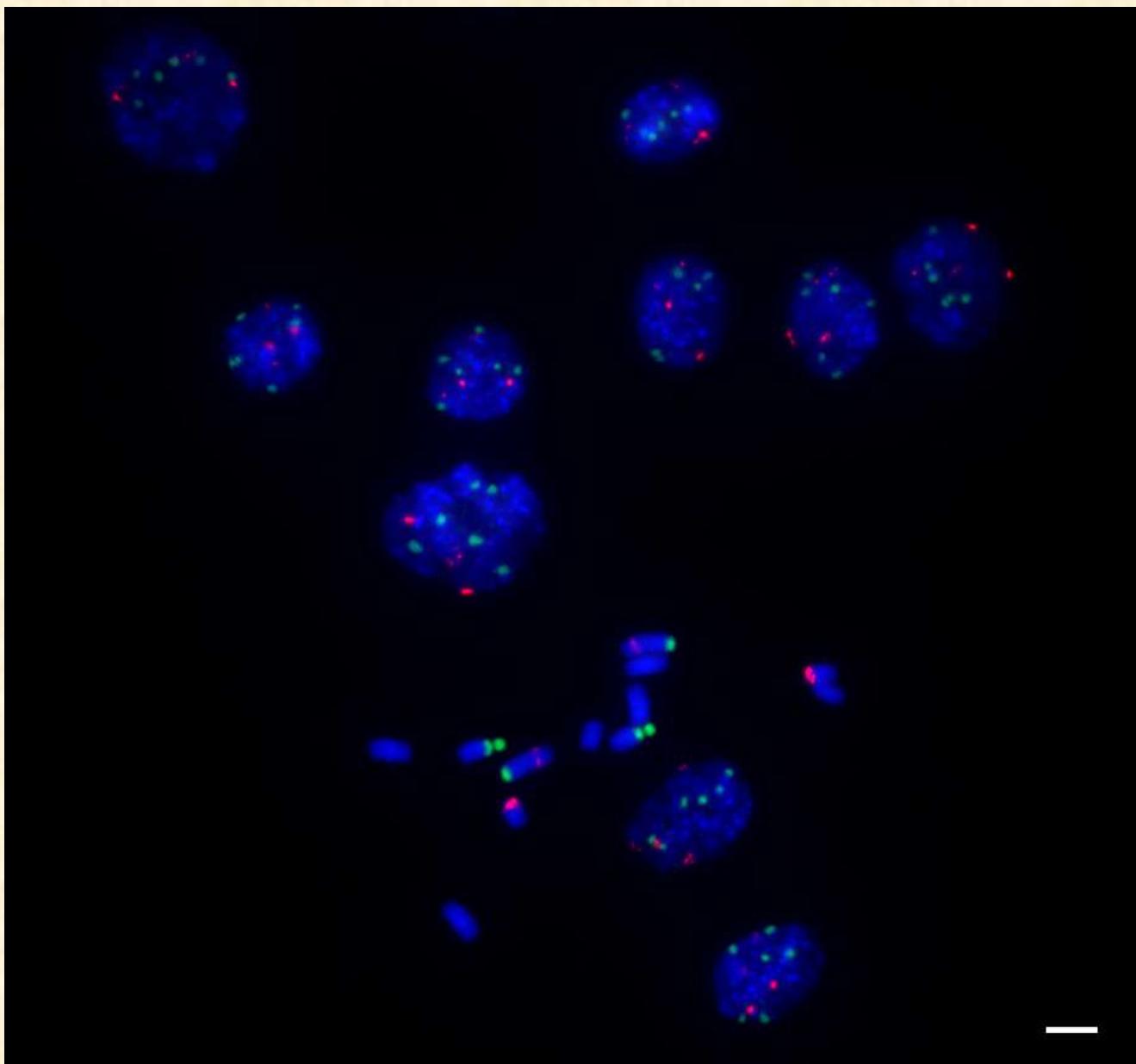


# Root Tip Squash



# FISH – Flourescence In Situ Hybridization

*Tragopogon*



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