

Clone	A plant that is genetically identical to its parent plant. Clones are often created using plant cuttings, where a stem of one plant is cut, planted, and new roots grow from the stem, establishing the new plant as identical to the original parent.
Cultivar	A cultivated version of a plant bred by horticulturalists through cloning or hybridization, seeks to enhance an aesthetic quality or encourage disease resistance that can be maintained through propagation. This means these populations of plants may have different characteristics than what you would commonly find in the wild, even if they are all still the same species.
Hybrid	A plant that is the result of an intentional cross between two species of a plant to achieve desirable traits. The resulting hybrid offspring may be taller, have bigger flowers, etc., than either of the original plants.
Native	A plant that was found naturally in an area prior to human introduction. In North America this is usually defined as pre-European settlement.
Nativar (native cultivar)	Native cultivars can be hybrids, products of two or more plants intentionally selected by breeders and crossed to create desirable traits, or they may just be clonally-produced copies of one particularly desirable wild-type plant. While these are technically the same species as wild-types they may represent only a fraction of the natural diversity of the species. <i>Nativar</i> is a term coined by Allan Armitage, a renowned horticulturist.
Naturalized	A plant that has established in a region different from its place of origin that can live and reproduce without human intervention.
Non-native	A plant that is not found naturally in the region it is grown, but rather was introduced by humans intentionally or on accident.
Ornamental	Generally, showy plants grown for aesthetic reasons for gardens, homes, and landscapes.
Straight species	Another term used for a wild-type. A plant that has not been crossbreed or hybridized.
Variety	A plant that is subspecies of an original plant. For example, <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> , or purple cone flower, has many varieties that have been bred to have different traits, examples include 'Tiki Torch', 'Evan Saul', 'Mac 'n' Cheese', etc. Varieties often have common names given by the plant breeder.
Wild-type	A plant variety that has not been modified through selective breeding and found in its native landscape: meadow, forest, wetland, etc.