



What is a good reference?



First and foremost, look for current, accurate, science-based information that is corroborated by more than one resource.

GENERAL Suggestions:

Use **authoritative** resources such as government agencies, universities, educational institutions, horticultural organizations, botanical gardens (.edu, .org, .ca). As much as possible look for regional information. While extension sites often provide accurate information, ensure you find other supportive sites.

Avoid: .com, blogs, Wikipedia and any site with ads. Any information found on these types of commercial sites needs to be researched further until you find the same information corroborated on an acceptable resource.

To learn more about how to evaluate reliable resources, you may find it helpful to view the document titled, *Applying the CRAAP Test & Evaluating Sources*, developed by California State University.

The VIU instructors and VIMGA mentors will share science-based resources with you. A few resources to get you started follow ...

Plant ID

- Brickell, C & T. Cole. Eds. (2004). *A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* - Canadian Ed. DK: Toronto, Ontario.
- E- Flora BC (BC Native Plants): https://linnet.geog.ubc.ca/DB_Query/QueryForm.aspx
- KPU School of Horticulture (BC): <https://plantdatabase.kpu.ca/#gsc.tab=0>
- Missouri Botanical Gardens (US): <https://missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder>
- North Carolina Extension Garden Plant Toolbox (US): <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants>
- Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) (British): <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants>

General

- American Rhododendron Society (US): <https://www.rhododendron.org/>
- American Rose Society (US): <https://rose.org/>
- Ellis, B. and F. Marshall. (1996). *Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control*. Rodale Press.
- Gilkeson, L.A. PhD/ Gardener Extraordinaire (Vancouver Island): www.lindagilkeson.ca
- Gilkeson, L.A. (2023). 3rd Ed. *West Coast Gardening NATURAL INSECT, WEED & DISEASE CONTROL*. www.lindagilkeson.ca.
- Gilkeson, L.A. (2018). 2nd Ed. *BACKYARD BOUNTY The Complete Guide to Year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*. Gabriola Island, BC: New Society Publisher.
- Invasive Species Council of BC: <https://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/identify/>
- Morton Arboretum (US): <https://mortonarb.org/>
- Red Seal Landscape Horticulturalist Identify Plants: <https://opentextbc.ca/plantidentification/>
- Solomon, S. and M. McShane. (2012). 34th Ed. *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades: The complete Guide to Organic Gardening*. Sasquatch Books.
- The Garden Professors (US): <https://gardenprofessors.com/>
- Turnbull, C. (2012). 3rd Ed. *Cass Turnbull's Guide to Pruning*. Sasquatch Books.
- Washington State University Extension (US): <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/product-category/publications/gardening/>
- Washington State University Extension (US): <https://extension.wsu.edu/yard-garden>