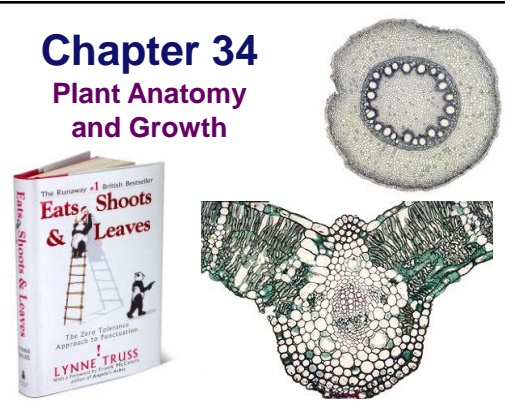


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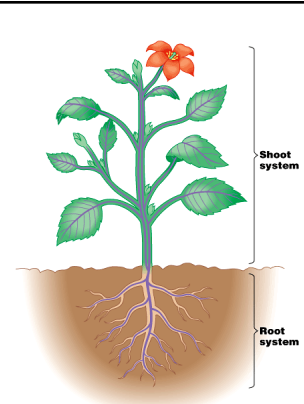
Plant Anatomy and Growth



The book cover for 'Eats, Shoots & Leaves' by Lynne Truss is shown on the left. To the right is a detailed cross-section of a plant stem, illustrating the vascular bundles arranged in a ring, surrounded by cortex and pith.

Basic Anatomy

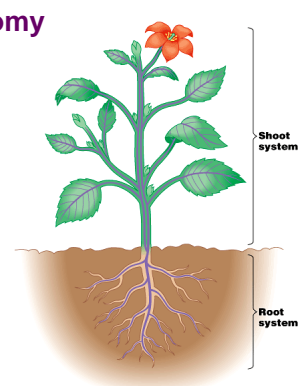
- root
- shoot (stem)
- leaves



A diagram of a plant with an orange flower. The shoot system is labeled as the part above ground, including the stem, leaves, and flower. The root system is labeled as the part below ground.

Expanded Anatomy

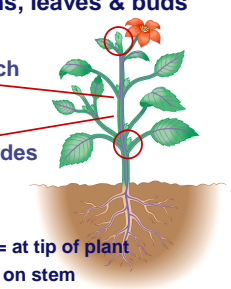
- root
 - ◆ root tip
 - ◆ root hairs
- shoot (stem)
 - ◆ nodes
 - ◆ internodes
 - ◆ apical buds
 - ◆ axillary buds
 - ◆ flowers
- leaves
 - ◆ veins



A diagram of a plant with an orange flower. The shoot system is labeled as the part above ground, and the root system is labeled as the part below ground.





Shoots

- Shoots consist of stems, leaves & buds
- Stems
 - ◆ nodes = points at which leaves are attached
 - ◆ internodes = stem segments between nodes
- Buds
 - ◆ growth of shoot
 - terminal or apical bud = at tip of plant
 - axillary bud = in nodes on stem




A diagram of a plant with an orange flower. Red circles highlight a node (where a leaf is attached) and a bud (at the tip of the stem).

Modified Shoots

<p>stolons (strawberries)</p> 	<p>rhizome (ginger)</p> 
<p>tuber (potato)</p> 	<p>bulb (onion)</p> 

Roots

- Roots anchor plant in soil, absorb minerals & water, & store food
- ◆ fibrous roots (1)
 - mat of thin roots that spread out
 - monocots
- ◆ tap roots (2)
 - 1 large vertical root
 - also produces many small lateral, or branch roots
 - dicots
- ◆ root hairs (3)
 - increase absorptive surface area

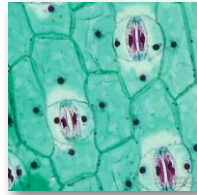


Three diagrams illustrating root types: (1) fibrous roots, a mat of thin roots; (2) tap roots, a single large vertical root with lateral roots; (3) root hairs, small projections from the root surface.

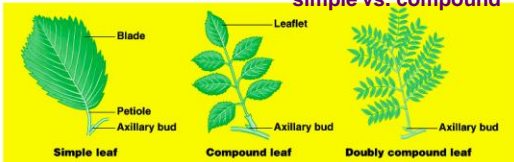
Leaves

Function of leaves?

- ◆ photosynthesis
 - energy production
 - CHO production
- ◆ gas exchange
- ◆ transpiration

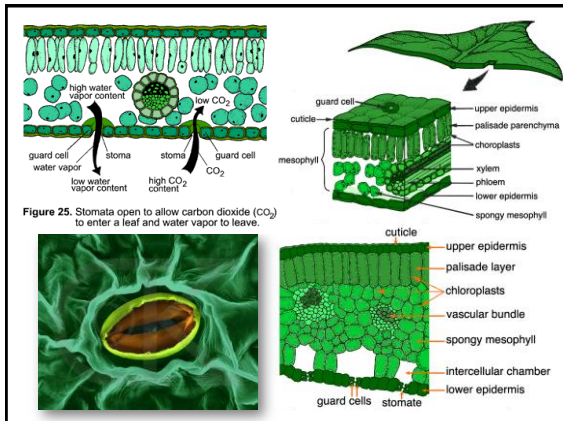
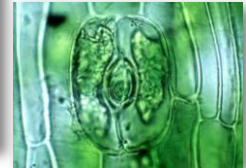
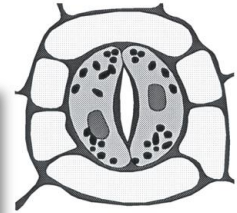
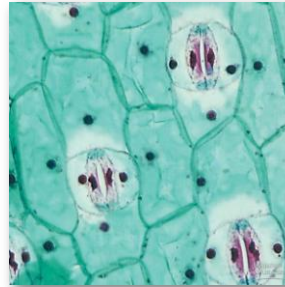


simple vs. compound



Stomates

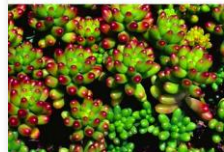
Function of stomates?



Modified Leaves

tendrils (peas)

spines (cacti)



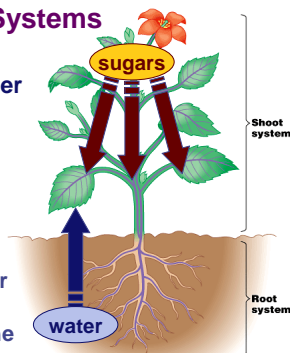
succulent leaves

colored leaves (poinsetta)

Interdependent Systems

Both systems depend on the other

- ◆ roots receive sugars & other nutrients from photosynthetic parts
- ◆ shoot system depends on water & minerals absorbed from the soil by roots



Putting it all together...

Obtaining raw materials

- ◆ sunlight
 - leaves = solar collectors
- ◆ CO₂
 - stomata = gas exchange
- ◆ H₂O
 - uptake from roots
- ◆ nutrients
 - uptake from roots

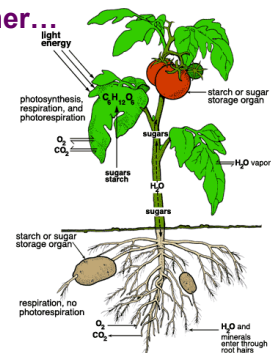


Figure 24. Photosynthesis, respiration, leaf water exchange, and translocation of sugar (photosynthate) in a plant.

Plant Tissues

- **Dermal**
 - ◆ “skin” of plant
 - ◆ single layer of tightly packed cells that covers & protects plant
- **Vascular**
 - ◆ transport materials between roots & shoots
 - ◆ xylem & phloem
- **Ground**
 - ◆ everything else: storage, photosynthetic
 - ◆ bulk of plant tissue

Plant Cell Types in Tissues

(a) Parenchyma cells

(b) Collenchyma cells

(c) Sclerenchyma cells: Fiber cells

Sclerenchyma cells: Sclereids 90 µm

Plant Cell Types in Tissues

- **Parenchyma**
 - ◆ “typical” plant cells = least specialized
 - ◆ photosynthetic cells, storage cells
 - ◆ tissue of leaves, stem, fruit, storage roots
- **Collenchyma**
 - ◆ unevenly thickened primary walls = support
- **Sclerenchyma**
 - ◆ very thick, “woody” secondary walls = support
 - ◆ rigid cells that can’t elongate
 - ◆ dead at functional maturity

Parenchyma

- **Parenchyma cells are relatively unspecialized, thin, flexible & carry out many metabolic functions**
 - ◆ all types of cells develop from parenchyma

Stem cross-section showing tissue systems.

Ground Tissue (Parenchyma)

Epidermal Tissue

Vascular Tissue (Xylem and Phloem)

Collenchyma

- **Collenchyma cells have thicker primary walls & provide support**
 - ◆ help support without restraining growth
 - ◆ remain alive in maturity

Collenchyma

Primary wall (thin)

Pit

Primary wall (thick)

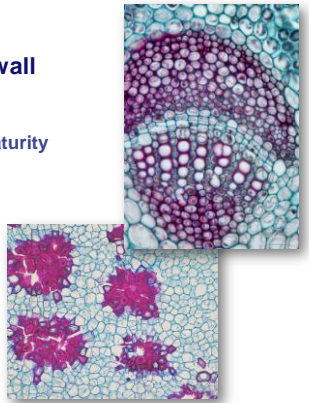
Parenchyma cells

Collenchyma cells

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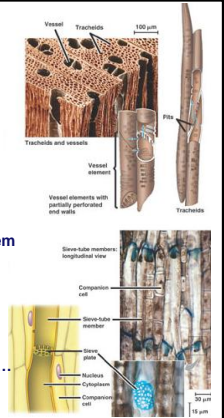
Sclerenchyma

- **Thick, rigid cell wall**
 - ◆ lignin (wood)
 - ◆ cannot elongate
 - ◆ mostly dead at maturity
- **Support cells**
 - ◆ xylem vessels
 - ◆ tracheids
 - ◆ fibers
 - rope fibers
 - ◆ sclereids
 - nutshells
 - seed coats
 - grittiness in pears



Vascular Tissue

- **Transports materials in roots, stems & leaves**
- **Xylem**
 - ◆ carry **water & minerals** up from roots
 - ◆ tube-shaped **dead** cells
 - only their walls provide a system of microscopic water pipes
- **Phloem**
 - ◆ carry **nutrients** throughout plant
 - sugars (sucrose), amino acids...
 - ◆ tube-shaped **living** cells



tracheids

vessel elements

Xylem dead cells → **water-conducting cells of xylem**

Vessel element

Pits

(b) Vessel elements with partially perforated end walls

Vessel Tracheids 100 μm

(a) Tracheids

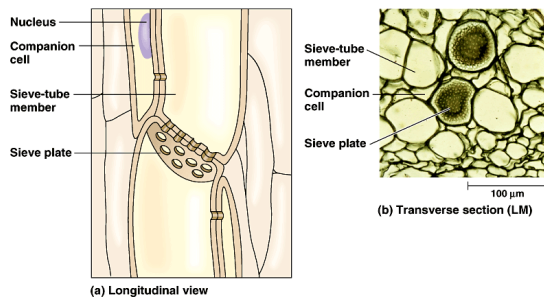
(c) Tracheids and vessels (colorized SEM)

Xylem

- **Dead at functional maturity**
- **Cell elongated into tubes**
 - ◆ **tracheids**
 - long, thin cells with tapered ends
 - walls reinforced with lignin = support
 - thinner **pits** in end walls allows water flow
 - ◆ **vessel elements**
 - wider, shorter, thinner walled & less tapered
 - perforated ends walls allows free water flow

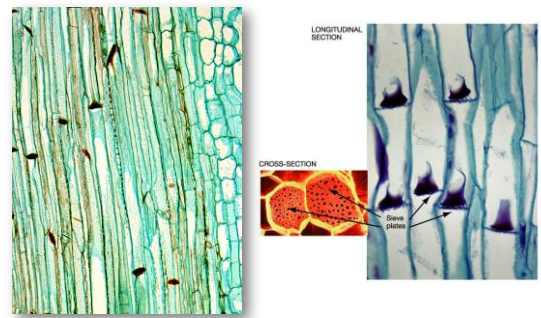
Phloem: Food-Conducting Cells

- **Sieve tube elements & companion cells**



Phloem: Food-Conducting Cells

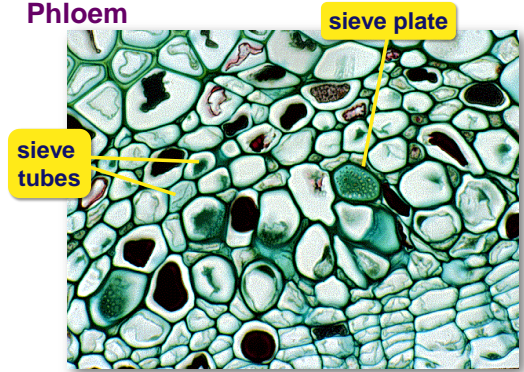
- **Sieve tube elements & companion cells**



Phloem

- **Living cells** at functional maturity
 - ♦ lack nucleus, ribosomes & vacuole
 - more room: specialized for liquid food (sucrose) transport
- **Cells**
 - ♦ sieve tubes
 - end walls, **sieve plates**, have pores to facilitate flow of fluid between cells
 - ♦ companion cells
 - nucleated cells connected to the sieve-tube
 - help sieve tubes

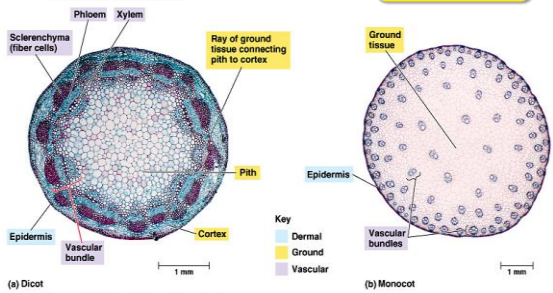
Phloem



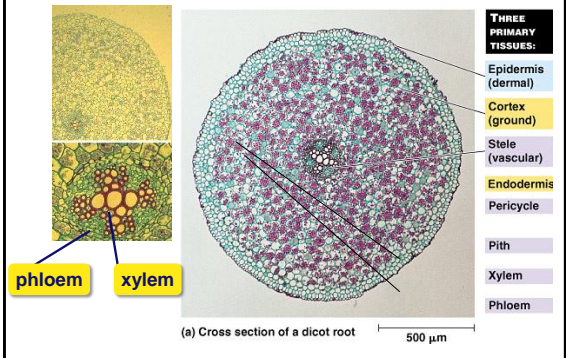
Vascular Tissue in Herbaceous Stems

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trees & shrubs

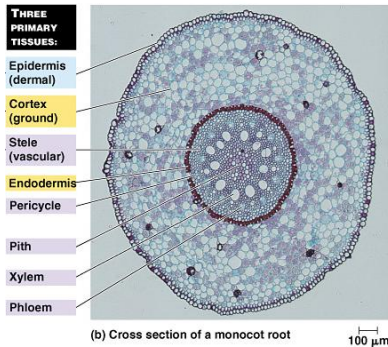
monocot
grasses & lilies



Root Structure: Dicot



Root Structure: Monocot



Indeterminate Growth

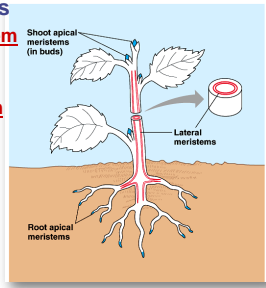
- Unlike animals most plants grow throughout their life
 - ♦ **annuals**
 - life cycle within 1 year
 - germination → flowering → seed production
 - ♦ **perennials**
 - live many years
 - does not die of old age, only disease or trauma



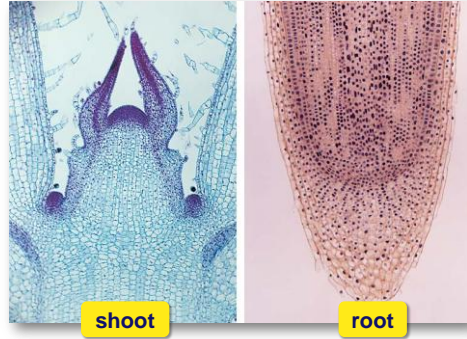
Meristem

Regions of growth

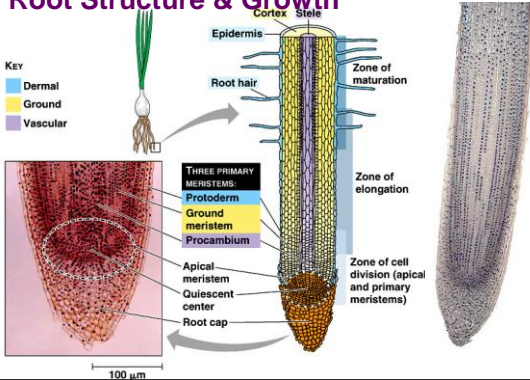
- ◆ perpetually embryonic tissue
- ◆ regenerate new cells
- **apical shoot meristem**
 - ◆ growth in length
 - ◆ primary growth
- **apical root meristem**
 - ◆ growth in length
 - ◆ primary growth
- **lateral meristem**
 - ◆ growth in girth
 - ◆ secondary growth



Apical Meristems

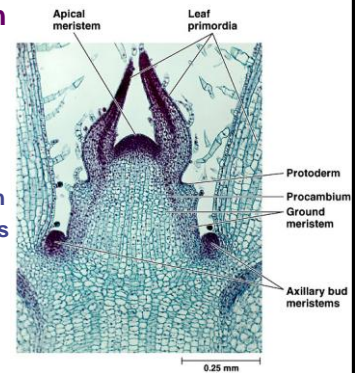


Root Structure & Growth



Shoot Growth

- Apical bud & primary growth of shoot
 - ◆ region of stem growth
 - ◆ axillary buds “waiting in the wings”



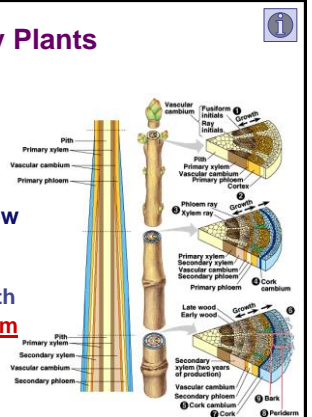
Shoot Growth

- Since woody plants grow from year to year, they evolved a different growth system than herbaceous plants which die back each year



Growth in Woody Plants

- Woody plants grow in height from tip
 - ◆ primary growth
 - ◆ **apical meristem**
- Woody plants grow in diameter from sides
 - ◆ secondary growth
 - ◆ **vascular cambium**
 - vascular meristem layer



Growth in Woody Plants

- Primary growth
 - tips of roots & shoots (apical meristem)
 - restricted to youngest parts of plant

Growth in Woody Plants

- Secondary growth
 - thickens & strengthens older part of tree
 - cork cambium makes bark
 - growing ring around tree
 - vascular cambium makes xylem & phloem
 - growing ring around tree

Woody Stem

- Phloem produced to the outside
- Xylem produced to the inside

Woody Stem

Tree Trunk Anatomy

tree girdling

What does girdling do to a tree?

