

Very Important Plant Report Report & Presentation Guidelines

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to help you identify some of the common plants in our county and/or to give you an understanding of plant families and the similarities among plants in a family.

PRESENTATION DUE DATE

Your presentation materials are due 8 days before your presentation. On the Monday the week before your presentation, send your report in Word or PDF format and any photos or PowerPoint in PPT or PDF format to the following people:

-Yvonne Valenzuela yvsvalz@gmail.com

-Jeff Clingan wclingan@pacbell.net

-Leah Taylor leataylor@ucanr.edu

PROJECT PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

- Your presentation will focus on one of the following (based on your assignment):
 - ❖ P: Plant Family (a family of plants)
 - ❖ G: Genus (a grouping of plants in a family but not a specific species)
 - ❖ S: Genus & Species (a specific plant)
- You will prepare and present a report to the class about your plant or plant family.
- Please limit the report to 1 – 2 pages
- You will have **4 minutes** to present the **highlights** of your report, you do not need to present every detail; there will be a timekeeper.
- You may bring plant samples.
- You may include photos in your report.
- You may prepare a PowerPoint (PPT) presentation, but this is certainly not required.
- You may produce a poster or exhibit in lieu of a presentation of your report. This will include answering questions from your fellow trainees or ops members.
- Your report, including photos and PPT, if applicable, will be uploaded to the Training Web Site, for others to read. It is not necessary to make copies. If you have made a poster, a photo of the poster will be posted.
- Presentations will be made during most training sessions on your scheduled date.

This is intended to be a learning experience for you and your classmates.

Please have fun during the process!

Contact MG Yvonne Valenzuela if you have any questions.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REPORT:

Note that many of the items listed will not be applicable if your subject is a large diverse family (as opposed to a specific genus/species).

- Plant Family (for plant family reports)
 - Common name of this family
 - Popular members of this family
 - Common traits of plants in this family
 - Are there any pests or diseases common to this family?
 - Do not worry about the number of members in the plant family as this will vary greatly depending on the source.
- Plant Information (for genus & species reports)
 - Family this plant belongs to
 - Common names
 - Area of Origin
- Plant type: Monocot/Dicot and bulb, tree, shrub, vine, ground cover, etc.
- Growth Habit – for specific plants
 - Is this plant an annual? Perennial? Bi-annual?
 - Does this plant grow fast? Slow?
 - Size of the plant
 - Life expectancy
- Flower appearance, color, fragrance and bloom season
- Deciduous, evergreen, semi-evergreen, etc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER:

- Climate preference: Sun, part sun, shade
- Climate tolerance: Heat, drought, wind, salt/sea, frost
- Soil preferences and tolerances: acid, alkaline, clay, loam, sandy, moist, well drained
- Water requirements
- Pests & diseases
- Special care requirements (pruning, propagating, pollinating)
- Plant uses (edible, medicinal, economical, ornamental)
- Native/Endangered/Invasive