



Plant tissue system, tissue types and functions.

Kamaldeep Singh

kamaldeep08singh@gmail.com

Abstract

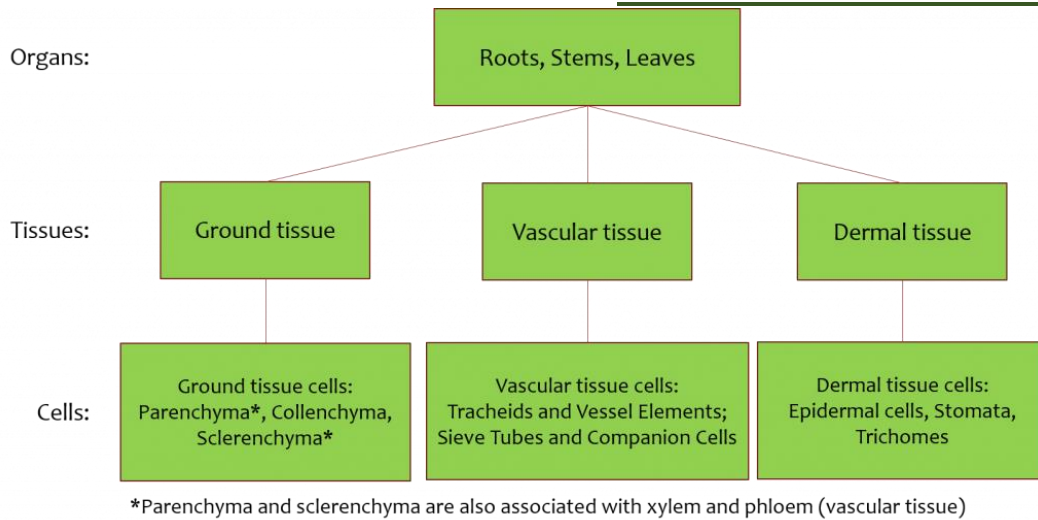
In plant tissue culture, topline has emerged as a true alternative to the long-serving cytokinins such as benzyl adenine, zeatin, and kinetin since the discovery of topline as naturally occurring aromatic cytokinins (CKs). This is because topline is a naturally occurring aromatic cytokinin (PTC). Over the last 15 years, there has been a significant increase, all over the world, in the number of research labs that utilize topline and the derivatives of topline. Toplines, particularly the meta-tooling and its variants, have been used for the beginning of culture, the optimization of protocol, and the remediation of a wide variety of in vitro-induced physiological problems in many different species. There is mounting evidence from a variety of studies that point to the growing popularity of topline and their benefits over other types of CKs, but these advantages are not universally applicable to all species. In this study, we examine the use of topline in PTC, with special attention on the metabolism, structure–activity connections, and influence on morphogenesis in vitro of these compounds. In addition, the review gives a complete list of species that have been utilized to research the impact of topline in comparison with other CKs. Additionally, the review provides a list of the growth metrics that are influenced as well as suggested doses.

Keywords: Plant diseases , spectroscopy techniques , VIS/IR spectroscopy

Introduction

Plant body organization

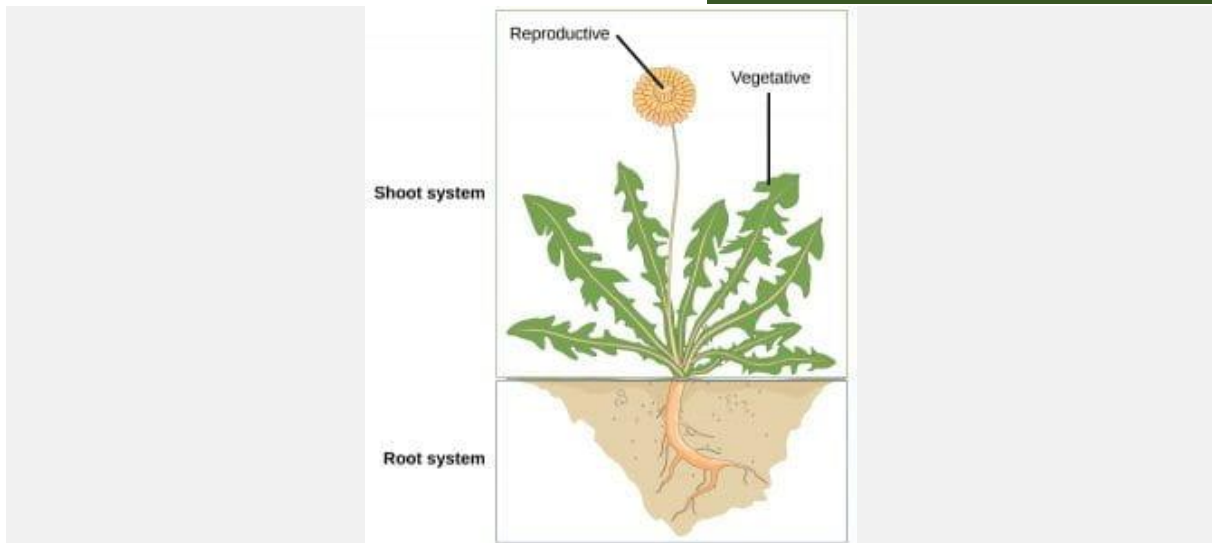
Plants are multicellular eukaryotes, much like animals, and their bodies are made up of organs, tissues, and cells that are highly specialized to perform their respective roles. The diagrams that follow explain the links that exist between the many organs, tissues, and cell types found in plants.



The shoot system is composed, in its whole, of the stems as well as the leaves. “All three kinds of tissue are present in each organ, which includes the roots, stems, and leaves (ground, vascular, and dermal). Each kind of tissue is made up of a unique collection of cell types, and the structures of those cell types have a direct impact on the functions of the tissues they make up. In the next sections, we will discuss each of the organs, tissues, and cell types in much more depth.

Plant Organ Systems

An adaptation taken from A shoot system and a root system are the two separate organ systems that are present in vascular plants. The reproductive organs of the plant, as well as the stems and leaves, are all a component of the shoot system (flowers and fruits). In most cases, the shoot system develops above ground, where it is better able to take in the light required for photosynthesis. The root system of the plant, which provides support and also takes in water and nutrients, is often located underground. The following diagram illustrates the several organ systems that are present in a typical plant.



The shoot system of a plant consists of leaves, stems, flowers, and fruits. The root system anchors the plant while absorbing water and minerals from the soil. Image credit: OpenStax Biology.

We'll look at each of these levels of plant organization in turn, and conclude with a discussion of how embryogenesis leads to development of a mature plant:

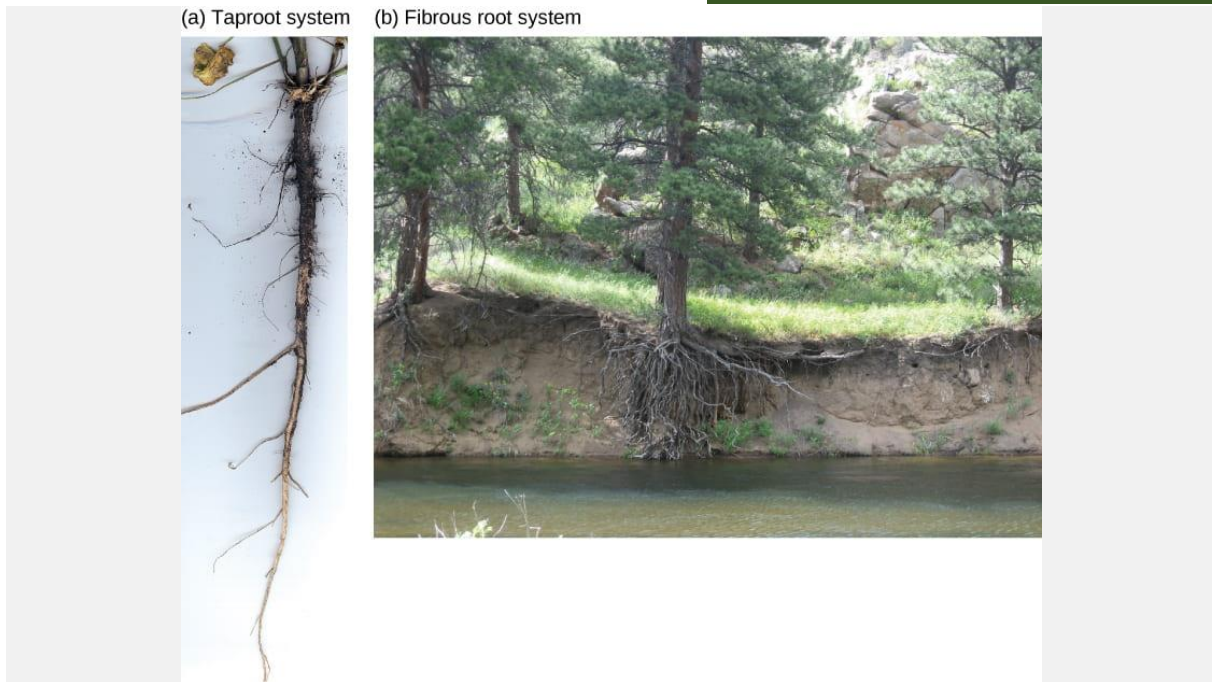
The Root System

The following paragraph is an adaptation taken from Seed plants' roots have three primary purposes: they attach the plant to the soil, collect water and nutrients from the earth and transfer them upwards, and store the results of photosynthesis. Some roots are adapted in such a way that they may take in moisture and expel gases. The majority of roots are found underground. However, there are also plants that have adventitious roots, which are roots that grow above earth and emerge from the shoot.

Root systems are mainly of two types (shown below):

Tap root The primary root of a system develops in a descending, vertical direction, and it is from this root that several secondary, lateral roots emerge. Tap roots are useful for plants growing in dry soils because of their ability to penetrate deeply into the soil. Dicotyledons, like dandelions, are characterized by their taproots.

Fibrous root systems are found closer to the surface and contain a dense network of roots throughout their structure. Root systems that are fibrous might be an asset in the fight against soil erosion. Monocots, such as grasses, are characterized by their fibrous root systems.



(a) Tap root systems have a main root that grows down, while (b) fibrous root systems consist of many small roots. Image credit: OpenStax Biology, modification of work by Austen Squarepants/Flickr)

Root structures are evolutionarily adapted for specific purposes:

- Bulbous roots store starch.
- Aerial roots and prop roots are two forms of above-ground roots that provide additional support to anchor the plant.
- Some tap roots, such as carrots, turnips, and beets, are adapted for sugar/starch storage.
- Epiphytic roots enable a plant to grow on another plant

The shoot system: stems and leaves

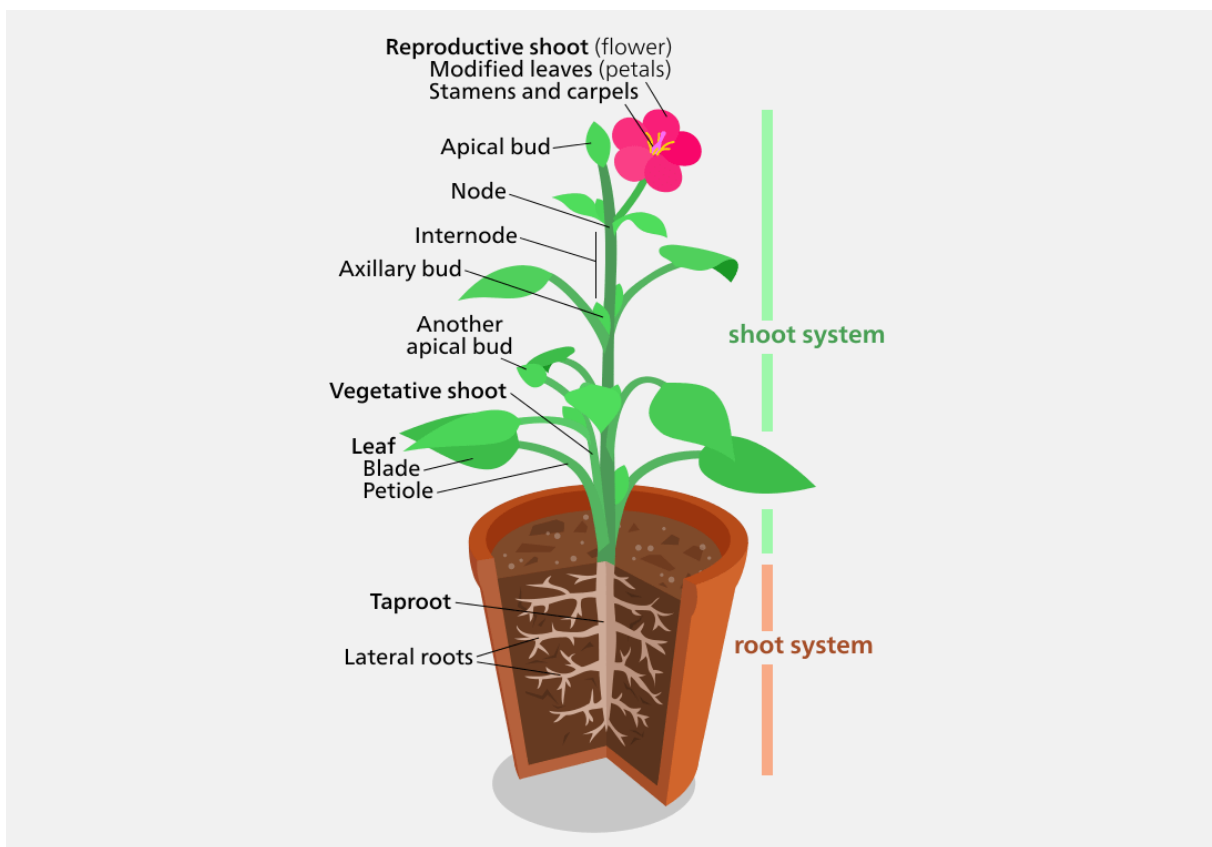
The following paragraph is an adaptation taken from A plant's shoot system is comprised of many parts, one of which is the stem. The primary purpose of these structures is to provide support to the plant by keeping its leaves, flowers, and buds in place. Naturally, they also serve to link the roots to the leaves, allowing for the movement of absorbed water and minerals from the roots to the rest of the plant, as well as the movement of sugars from the leaves (the site of photosynthesis) to the parts of the plant that need them. Depending on the kind of plant, its diameter may range anywhere from a few millimeters to hundreds of meters, and their length can span anywhere from a few millimeters to hundreds of meters. Stems are often seen above ground, however the stems of some plants, like the potato, may also grow underground.

Stems can be of several different varieties:

- Herbaceous stems are soft and typically green
- Woody stems are hard and wooded

- Unbranched stems have a single stem
- Branched stems have divisions and side stems

Plant stems, whether above or below ground, are characterized by the presence of nodes and internodes (shown below). The sites of attachment for leaves and flowers are known as nodes, and the sections of the stem that are located between two nodes are known as internodes. Within the apical bud at the very tip of the shoot is where the apical meristem is located. The region between the base of a leaf and the stem of a plant is often the location of an axillary bud, which has the potential to develop into either a branch or a flower.



Leaves are attached to the plant stem at areas called nodes. An internode is the stem region between two nodes. The petiole is the stalk connecting the leaf to the stem. The leaves just above the nodes arose from axillary buds. By Kelvinsong – Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=27509689>

The following paragraph is an adaptation taken from Photosynthesis, the process by which plants produce their own food, takes place mostly in the leaves of the plant. Chlorophyll is found in the cells of most plants, which is what gives them their characteristic green color. However, certain leaves may have a variety of hues, which are created by other plant pigments that cover up the chlorophyll and make the leaf seem green. The illustration that follows depicts a leaf structure that is characteristic of eudicots. There are certain leaves that attach

directly to the plant stem, in contrast to the typical arrangement in which the petiole serves as the connection between the leaf and the plant stem. The vascular tissue in the leaf, known as xylem and phloem, is carried by the veins, which are also responsible for providing the leaf's structural support.

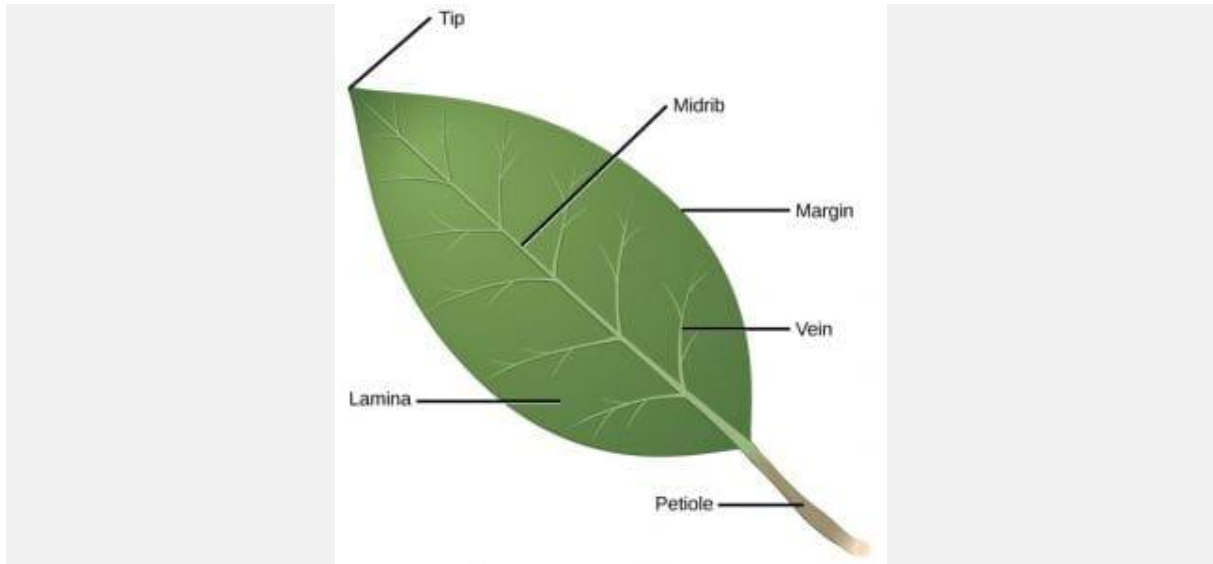


Illustration shows the parts of a leaf. The petiole is the stem of the leaf. The midrib is a vessel that extends from the petiole to the leaf tip. Veins branch from the midrib. The lamina is the wide, flat part of the leaf. The margin is the edge of the leaf. Image credit: OpenStax Biology

The depth of the veins, the contour of the form, and the overall dimensions of the leaf all change in response to the surroundings. In a given environment, a plant species' ability to adapt to a variety of conditions increases the likelihood of its continued existence. The leaves of coniferous plant species, such as spruce, fir, and pine, have a needle-like appearance due to their decreased size. Spruce, fir, and pine all flourish in cold conditions. These needle-like leaves feature sunken stomata, which are pits that facilitate gas exchange, and a decreased surface area; both of these characteristics help to reduce the amount of water that is lost by evaporation. Plants that live in hot regions, such as cacti, have leaves that have evolved into spines. These spines, in conjunction with the succulent nature of the plant's stems, assist the plant to retain water. Many types of aquatic plants have leaves with broad lamina that are able to float on the surface of the water. These leaves also have a thick waxy cuticle (waxy layer) on the leaf surface that prevents water from penetrating the leaf.

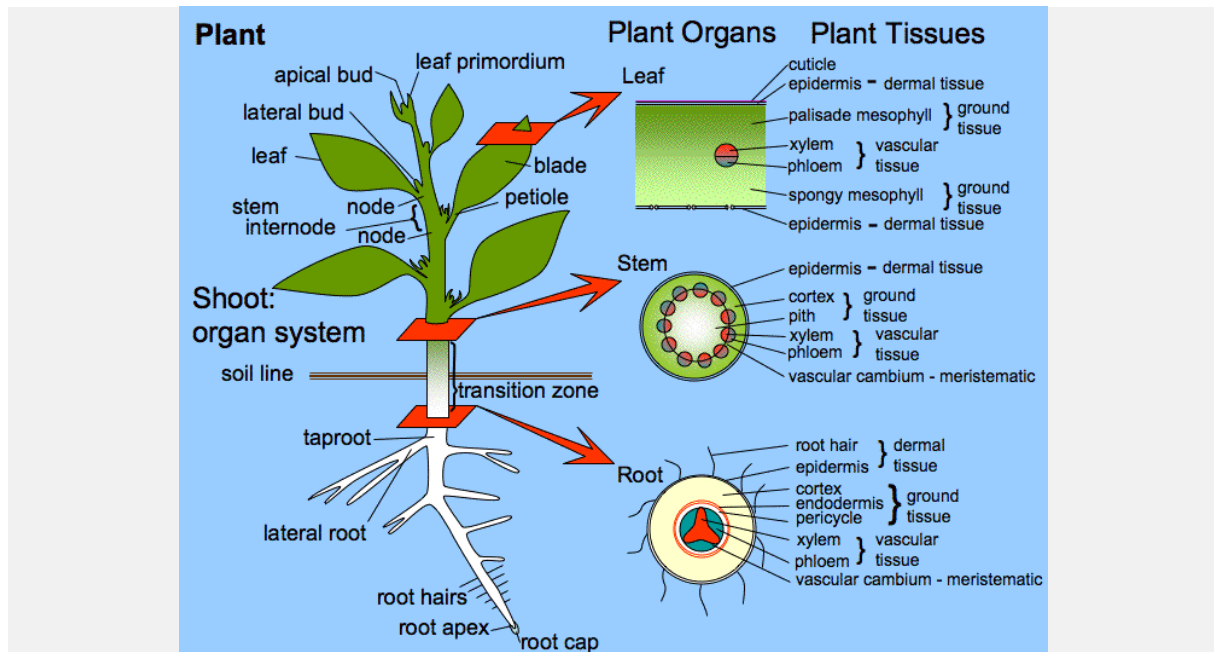
Plant tissues

The following content is derived from: Meristematic tissue and permanent (also known as non-meristematic) tissue are the two primary categories that make up the tissue systems found in plants. Meristematic tissue is comparable to the stem cells found in animals; unlike animal stem

cells, however, meristematic cells do not undergo differentiation and instead continue to proliferate and contribute to the expansion of the plant. Permanent tissue, on the other hand, is made up of plant cells that are no longer undergoing active cell division. Meristems are responsible for the production of cells that rapidly differentiate, also known as specialize, and go on to form permanent tissue. These cells take on specialized duties, and as a result, they lose their potential to divide further. The dermal, the vascular, and the ground tissues are the three primary kinds of tissue that they develop into. Each organ of a plant (roots, stems, and leaves) is composed of all three kinds of plant tissue:

- **Dermal tissue** regulates the plant's gas exchange and water absorption, as well as protecting it from the elements (in roots). The waxy cuticle that covers the dermal tissue of the stems and leaves helps the plant retain water by preventing it from evaporating. Stomata are a particular kind of pore that enable gas exchange through holes in the cuticle of a plant. In contrast to the stem and the leaves, the epidermis of the root does not have a waxy coat, which would otherwise inhibit the root from absorbing water. Root hairs, which are extensions of root epidermal cells, increase the surface area of the root, which significantly contributes to the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients. Root hairs may be found on most plant species. Trichomes, which are little hairlike or spikey outgrowths of epidermal tissue, could be present on the stem and the leaves, and they play an important role in the plant's defense mechanism against herbivores.
- **Ground tissue** carries out different functions based on the cell type and location in the plant, and includes parenchyma (photosynthesis in the leaves, and storage in the roots), collenchyma (shoot support in areas of active growth), and sclerenchyma (shoot support in areas where growth has ceased) is the site of photosynthesis, provides a supporting matrix for the vascular tissue, provides structural support for the stem, and helps to store water and sugars.
- **Vascular tissue** carries water, nutrients, and carbohydrates to various regions of the plant that are needed for its growth. Xylem and phloem are two specialized conducting tissues that contribute to the formation of vascular tissue. In addition to its job as a structural support component in the stem, xylem tissue is responsible for transporting water and nutrients from the plant's roots to other sections of the plant. Phloem tissue is responsible for transporting organic molecules throughout the plant, beginning at the site of photosynthesis and ending in various sections of the

plant. Within a vascular bundle, the xylem and phloem will always be found next to one another.



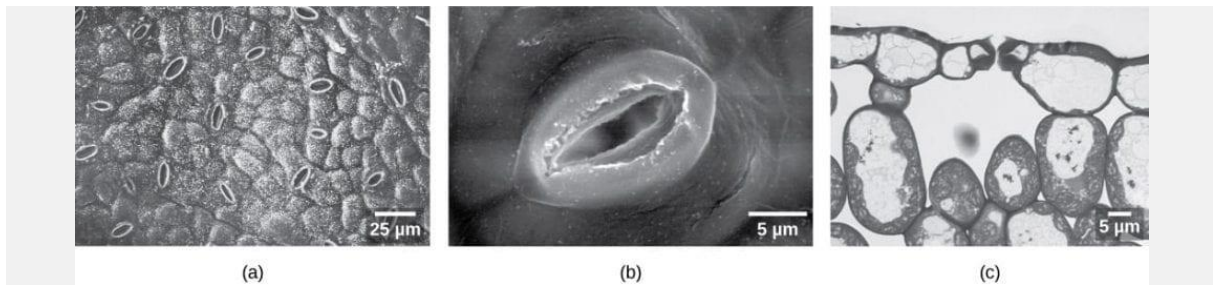
Each plant organ contains all three tissue types. Koning, Ross E. 1994. Plant Basics. Plant Physiology Information Website. http://plantphys.info/plant_physiology/plantbasics1.shtml. (6-21-2017). Reprinted with permission.

Before we get into the details of plant tissues, this video provides an overview of plant organ structure and tissue function:

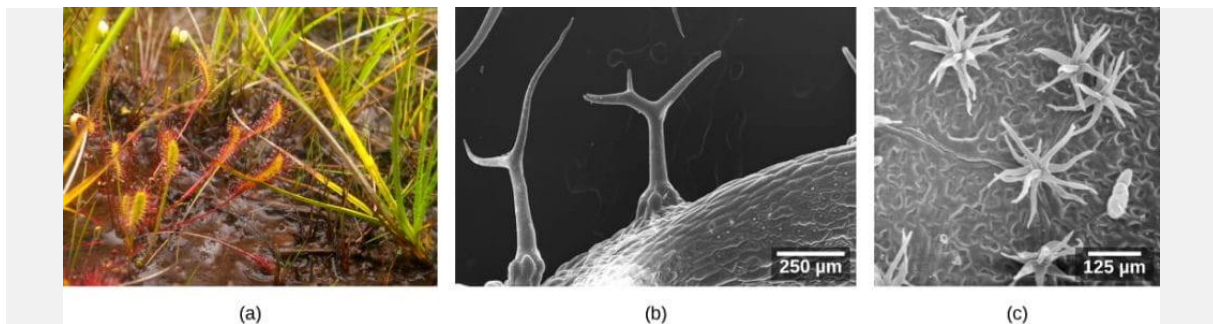
Cells in dermal tissue

The epidermis is the outermost layer of tissue that surrounds the whole plant. It is typically made up of a single layer of epidermal cells that offer protection and have other unique adaptations in various plant organs. The epidermis of the root is responsible for assisting in the absorption of both water and minerals. Root hairs, which are extensions of root epidermal cells, increase the surface area of the root, which significantly contributes to the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients. Root hairs may be found on most plant species. Epidermal cells in the stem and leaves are covered in a waxy material known as a cuticle, which prevents water from evaporating and causing the plant to lose moisture. The cuticle does not appear on the root epidermis and might be considered to be the same thing as the Casparian strip, which is found in the roots. Stomata are apertures that are found in the epidermis of the leaf and stem. These stomata allow for the exchange of gases that are necessary for photosynthesis and respiration (singular: stoma). Each leaf stoma is surrounded by two cells that are referred to as guard cells. These cells govern the opening and shutting of the stoma, which in turn regulates

the intake of carbon dioxide as well as the release of oxygen and water vapor. Trichomes, which are hair-like structures on the epidermal surface, can also be found on stems and leaves. These structures help to reduce transpiration, which is the process by which aboveground plant parts lose water, increase solar reflectance, and store compounds that protect the leaves from being consumed by herbivores.



Visualized at 500x with a scanning electron microscope, several stomata are clearly visible on (a) the surface of this sumac (*Rhus glabra*) leaf. At 5,000x magnification, the guard cells of (b) a single stoma from lyre-leaved sand cress (*Arabidopsis lyrata*) have the appearance of lips that surround the opening. In this (c) light micrograph cross-section of an *A. lyrata* leaf, the guard cell pair is visible along with the large, sub-stomatal air space in the leaf. (credit: OpenStax Biology, modification of work by Robert R. Wise; part c scale-bar data from Matt Russell)



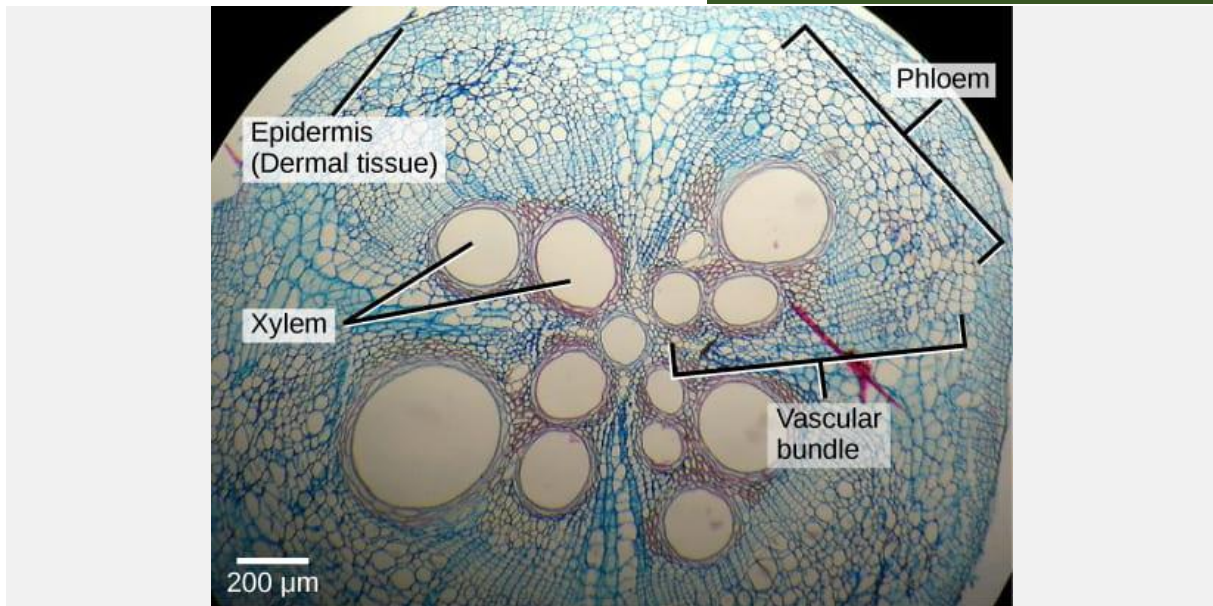
Trichomes give leaves a fuzzy appearance as in this (a) sundew (*Drosera* sp.). Leaf trichomes include (b) branched trichomes on the leaf of *Arabidopsis lyrata* and (c) multibranched trichomes on a mature *Quercus marilandica* leaf. (credit: OpenStax Biology, a: John Freeland; credit b, c: modification of work by Robert R. Wise; scale-bar data from Matt Russell)

Cells in vascular tissue

The vascular tissue in plants, much like the vascular system in animals, is responsible for transporting chemicals throughout the plant body. But although animals have a circulatory system that is driven by a pump (the heart), plants have vascular tissue that does not circulate chemicals in a loop but rather transfers them from one end of the plant to the other (eg, water from roots to shoots). Vascular tissue in plants is composed of two specialized conducting tissues known as xylem and phloem. Xylem is responsible for the transport of water, while phloem is responsible for the transport of sugars and other organic molecules. There is never an instance of a single vascular bundle lacking both xylem and phloem tissues. In animals, the



vascular system is made up of tubes that are lined by a layer of cells; however, in plants, the vascular system is made up of cells; the substance (water or sugars) actually moves through individual cells in order to get from one end of the plant to the other. The animal circulatory system is made up of tubes that are lined by a layer of cells. Xylem tissue is comprised of vessel elements and tracheids, both of which are elongated cells that transmit water and are tubular in shape. This tissue is responsible for transporting water and nutrients from the plant's roots to the many other portions of the plant. Although tracheids may be found in all kinds of vascular plants, the presence of vessel components is restricted to angiosperms and a few other specialized plant families. Tracheids and vessel parts are organized in an end-to-end configuration, and pits, which are small holes, are located between neighboring cells to facilitate the unimpeded movement of water from one cell to the next. They feature secondary cell walls that are reinforced with lignin, and they serve as the plant's primary source of structural support. Tracheids and vessel elements are both dead at functional maturity, which means that they are actually dead when they carry out their job of transporting water throughout the plant body. Phloem tissue is composed of sieve cells and companion cells, and it is responsible for transporting organic compounds from the site of photosynthesis to other parts of the plant. Sieve cells are placed end-to-end and have openings called sieve plates in between them to facilitate passage between the cells. These pores allow the sieve cells to conduct sugars and other organic molecules. They are alive and have reached their functional maturity, but they do not possess a nucleus, ribosomes, or any other cellular components. Companion cells, which are located in close proximity to sieve cells and offer metabolic support as well as control, are necessary for the survival of sieve cells. Phloem and xylem are usually found next to one another in a plant. In stems, the xylem and the phloem come together to create a structure that is referred to as a vascular bundle. In roots, this structure is referred to as the vascular stele or the vascular cylinder.



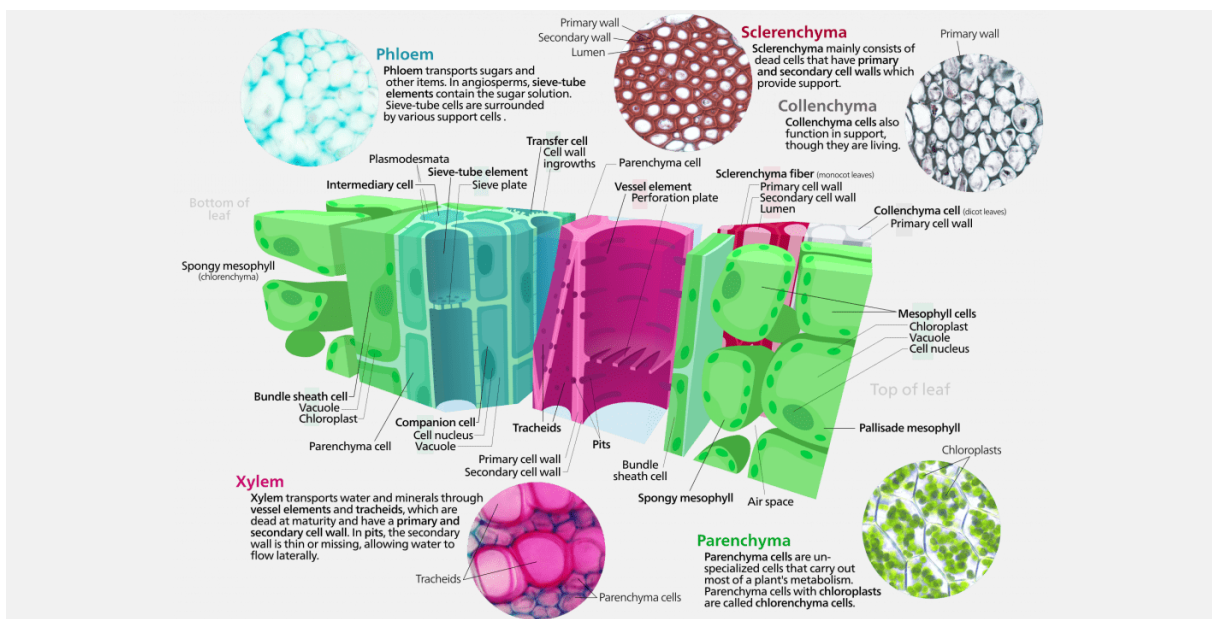
This light micrograph shows a cross section of a squash (*Curcubita maxima*) stem. Each teardrop-shaped vascular bundle consists of large xylem vessels toward the inside and smaller phloem cells toward the outside. Xylem cells, which transport water and nutrients from the roots to the rest of the plant, are dead at functional maturity. Phloem cells, which transport sugars and other organic compounds from photosynthetic tissue to the rest of the plant, are living. The vascular bundles are encased in ground tissue and surrounded by dermal tissue. (credit: OpenStax Biology, modification of work by (biophotos)/Flickr; scale-bar data from Matt Russell)

Cells in ground tissue

The term ground tissue refers to all of the plant's other tissues, including those that aren't dermal or vascular tissue. Cells that make up ground tissue include parenchyma, which is responsible for photosynthesis in the leaves and storage in the roots; collenchyma, which is responsible for providing support to shoots in regions of active development; and sclerenchyma (shoot support in areas where growth has ceased).

In plants, parenchyma cells are the most numerous and diverse of all the cell types. They have thin cell walls that are not rigid but rather thin and flexible, and the majority of them do not have secondary cell walls. The cells that are responsible for roots and stem are called parenchyma cells. These cells are totipotent, which means that they are able to divide and develop into all of the plant's cell types. The majority of the tissue in leaves is made up of parenchyma cells, which are the sites of photosynthesis. Additionally, the parenchyma cells in leaves include a significant amount of chloroplasts, which are necessary for the process of photosynthesis. The areas of the root that are responsible for the storage of sugar or starch are termed the pith (located in the root's heart) or the cortex (in the root periphery). Within vascular

tissue, parenchyma may also be seen coupled with phloem cells in the form of parenchyma rays. Collenchyma, much like parenchyma, does not have secondary cell walls, but its main cell walls are far thicker than those of parenchyma. Because of their propensity to stretch and lengthen even after being stretched, these long and slender cells are able to give structural support in expanding parts of the shoot system. They are seen in very great numbers in the stems that are expanding. The stringy parts of celery are predominantly made up of cells that belong to the collenchyma. Sclerenchyma cells feature secondary cell walls that are made of lignin, which is a strong material that makes up the majority of wood. Because of this, sclerenchyma cells are incapable of stretching, but they are able to offer essential structural support to mature stems once growth has halted. It's interesting to note that sclerenchyma cells die off after they reach their functional maturity. Sclerenchyma, which may also be found in apple cores, is responsible for the grainy texture of pears. Linen and rope are both products that are made from sclerenchyma fibers.



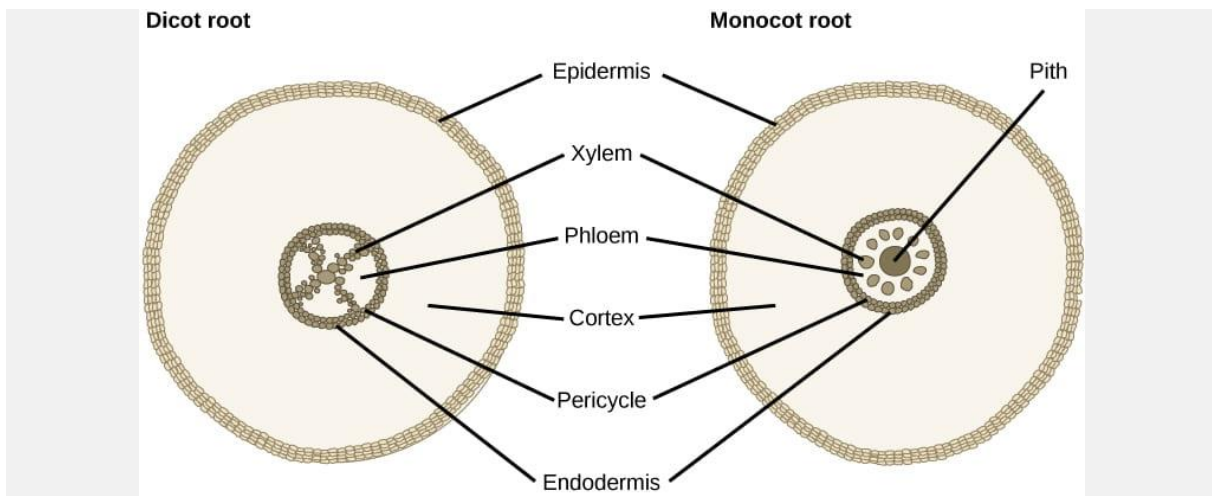
A cross section of a leaf showing the phloem, xylem, sclerenchyma and collenchyma, and mesophyll. By Kelvinsong – Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=25593329>

Tissue arrangements in different plant organs

Every organ in a plant has all three forms of plant tissue, but they are arranged in a unique pattern in each organ. There are also some distinctions in the ways in which these tissues are organized in monocots and dicots, as will be shown in the following diagrams:

In the roots of dicot plants, the xylem and phloem of the stele are placed alternately in the form of an X, but in the roots of monocot plants, the vascular tissue is arranged in the form of a ring

all the way around the pith. In addition, the roots of monocots are more likely to be fibrous, while the roots of eudicots are more likely to have tap roots (both illustrated above).



In (left) typical dicots, the vascular tissue forms an X shape in the center of the root. In (right) typical monocots, the phloem cells and the larger xylem cells form a characteristic ring around the central pith. The cross section of a dicot root has an X-shaped structure at its center. The X is made up of many xylem cells. Phloem cells fill the space between the X.

A ring of cells called the pericycle surrounds the xylem and phloem. The outer edge of the pericycle is called the endodermis. A thick layer of cortex tissue surrounds the pericycle. The cortex is enclosed in a layer of cells called the epidermis. The monocot root is similar to a dicot root, but the center of the root is filled with pith. The phloem cells form a ring around the pith. Round clusters of xylem cells are embedded in the phloem, symmetrically arranged around the central pith. The outer pericycle, endodermis, cortex and epidermis are the same in the dicot root. Image credit: OpenStax Biology”

Conclusions

It has been established that plant cell and root cultures can create a broad variety of recombinant proteins. [Citation needed] The use of plant tissue culture as a method for the manufacture of proteins for commercial purposes is not entirely understood at this time, but it is likely to be contingent on the capacity to induce large amounts of protein expression in vitro via the modification of culture conditions. It is possible that extracellular localization and the stability of released proteins in the medium of plant cultures are essential keys to economic feasibility, allowing for faster product development and manufacturing.

References

1. Adams, L. K.; Benson, E. E.; Staines, H. J.; Bremner, D. H.; Millam, S.; Deighton, N.: Effects of lipid peroxidation products 4-hydroxy-2-nonenal and malondialdehyde on the proliferation and morphogenetic development of in vitro plant cells. *J. Plant Physiol.* 155:376–386; 1999.



2. Badiani, M.; D'Annibale, A.; Paolacci, A. R.; Fusari, A.. Modifying the expression of antioxidant systems in transgenic plants. *Agro-Food Ind. Hi-Tech.* March–April: 21–26; 1996.
3. Benson, E. E.: Free radical damage in stored plant germplasm. Rome, Italy: IBPGR; 1990.
4. Aly, M. A. M.; Fjelstrom, R. G.; McGranahan, G. H. Origin of walnut somatic embryos determined by RFLP and isozyme analysis. *Hort-Science* 27:61–63; 1992.
5. Aviv, D.; Galun, E. Chondriome analysis in sexual progenies of *Nicotiana* cybrids. *Theor. Appl. Genet.* 73:821–826; 1987.