



Leafy Veins in My Garden

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PICTURE 1: MENTHA SPICATA 'ENGLISH LAMB'

Mentha Spicata, commonly known as English Lamb Mint, is a type of mint that is often used in soups and stews.

This mint's venation shape is reticulate, which is smaller veins crossing over each other and forming a network.

I chose to use mint because we have a large quantity of them, and they are very healthy.

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PICTURE 2: PUMPKIN, CUCURBITA PEPO

Pumpkins have palmate leaves, which means their veins come from the base of each leaf

A pumpkin is a winter squash that comes from the Cucurbita family, more commonly used for mashes and salads.

I was attracted by the strong veins and instantly took a photo of the leaves.

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PICTURE 3: TOMATO, SOLANUM LYCOPERSICUM

Like Mint, a Cherry Tomato's venation is also reticulate.

A *Solanum Lycopersicum* or a tomato, is an edible berry that is very common in backyards and gardens.

This tomato's veins were bold, and the shadows made them look highlighted/bolder, hence I chose this pictures.

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PICTURE 4: DWARF LEMON, CITRUS LIMON EUREKA DWARF

A Dwarf Meyer, or a Dwarf Lemon is a small citrus that are used as salad dressings and beverages.

Pinnate venation is where there is a midrib and the smaller veins that are attached are diverging from the midrib. This lemon has pinnate venation.

I took this photo in my backyard when the weather was sunny and the sun was shining through the leaves, projecting the venation very clearly.

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PICTURE 5: BAMBOO, BAMBUSIA

A bamboo leaves venation type is parallel, meaning the veins go up and down, instead of growing left to right or diverging.

Quite a lot of the photos were dark because I was taking the pictures from above but then I changed to below and so in the shooting of the main photo, I managed to capture the sunlight.

Bamboo are a unique group of plants that are evergreens that are from the family of Poaceae.

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