

FLOWER SHOW HELP

ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PLANT AND KNOW THE CORRECT GENUS AND SPECIES, HOW DO YOU WRITE THE NAME PROPERLY?

A. Simple genus and species - both italicized, generic name capitalized:

Anemone apennina

B. Yours is a cultivar - cultivar names are not italicized and are enclosed between single quotes:

***Anemone apennina* 'Purpurea' or *Anemone apennina* 'Petrovac'**

C. Yours is the naturally occurring variety: abbreviated var. is not italicized, but the name is:

Anemone apennina* var. *albiflora

D. Sometimes plant names are not as simple as those above because the plants can be the result of hybridization. Suppose you cross-pollinated two species and germinated the resulting seeds. You would create a "hybrid species." For example when *Anemone hortensis* and *A. pavonina* were crossed a "hybrid species" was created. This cross is indicated in the name of the resulting "hybrid species" by the insertion of an "x" between the names. Both names are still italicized and the generic name is still capitalized:

Anemone x fulgens

Now suppose you particularly like one of the seedlings and you want to name it and keep reproducing it. You have then made a selection and now have a "cultivated variety" or cultivar which you can name. It must be reproduced by vegetative means like cuttings because seeds can revert back to one of the parents. Now the name would look like this:

***Anemone x fulgens* 'Multipetala'**

If the hybridization process continues and you back cross to one parent or another cultivar and the actual heritage becomes muddled, then the cultivar name accompanies just the generic name.

***Anemone* 'Portland Pride' (a made up name).**

E. If two genera are crossed then the "x" is placed before the new generic name.

x *Phylliopsis hillieri* (a cross between *Kalmiopsis leachiana* and *Phyllodoce breweriana*)