



Key to Major Fruit Types

1. Fruit fleshy.....2
1. Fruit dry.....4
2. Fruit has multiple seeds.....3
2. Fruit has one hard seed in center.....**Drupe**
3. Seeds are contained in cartilaginous structures in a core of the fruit.....**Pome**
3. Seeds are not contained in structures, no core.....**Berry**
4. Fruit opens easily (i.e. - you can open it by hand), **or** has sutures (like dents) for opening6
4. Fruit does not open easily (i.e. – you need a tool to open it), no sutures.....5
5. The wall of fruit is thin and completely fused to the seed**Caryopsis**
5. The wall is thick and not fused to the seed**Nut**
6. Fruit has longitudinal sutures (2 dents or fissures, one along each side).....7
6. Fruit has several sutures for splitting in many directions.....**Capsule**
7. Outer shell is hard but thin, containing one seed**Achene**
7. Outer shell leathery, skin-like or woody, containing multiple seeds lined up in a row when opened**Legume**