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This program must have several, more than 10, of the species mentioned, to be effective. The more plants and the greater the variety, the better. The benefit to the program attendees will be in seeing the wide variation in plant structure that is represented by this one section. Plants should be passed around the room so that everyone has a chance to handle each plant and note its characteristics.

Section characteristics

1. American (Mexico and Latin America)
2. Female flower with 2 tepals (sepals that look like petals)
3. Androecium zygomorphic (the collection of stamens are flat, not round in cross-section)
4. Stigma not kidney shaped (rather have two spiral arms), locules (seed chambers) 3

Other characteristics

male flower with 2 tepals
placenta bifid (forked)

Other section properties

With peltate leaves(the leaf umbo is not on the leaf margin) conchifolia conchifolia var. rubrimacula fonsecae kellermanii manicata var. peltata nelumbiifolia peltata	With palmately compound leaves (leaves consist of numerous leaflets) carolineifolia thiemei
With ascending rhizome (the rhizome rises up as it grows) cardiocarpa carolineifolia crassicaulis lindleyana sericoneura	With fimbriate collar at umbo (the leaf has a collar of hairs under the leaf at the stem attachment point) heracleifolia manicata manicata var. aureo-maculata

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Species commonly found	Species less common	
barkeri	bettinae	mariti
bowerae	bowerae var. nigramarga	morii
cardiocarpa	bowerae var. roseiflora	mucronistipula
carolineifolia	breedlovei	multistaminea
conchifolia	buseyi	peltata
conchifolia var. rubrimacula	carrieae	peltata var. auriformis
crassicaulis	chiapenis	philodendroides
fonseciae	chivatoa	pinetorum
heracleifolia	corredorana	plantaginea
hydrocotylifolia	corzoensis	polygonata
hypolipara (is sericoneura)	cristobalensis	pringlei
kellermanii	croatii	pruinata
lindleyana	dressleri	pudica
macdougallii (is thiemei)	fusca	quaternata
manicata	garagarana	rafael-torresii
manicata var. aureo-maculata	glandulifera	rhizocaulis
mazae	hispidivillosa	roseibractea
multinervia	huberti	sartorii
nelumbiifolia	involucrata	setulosa
pilifera (is sericoneura)	jaliscana	sousae
plebeja	karwinskyana	sparsipila
sericoneura	kenworthyae	squarrosa
strigillosa	knoopii	stigmosa
thiemei	kortsiae	tacanana
	louis-williamsii	urophylla
	lyman-smithii	vestita
		xilitlensis

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