

Fruit Key

- 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 opening.....**6**
- 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**