

# 1 – Secondary Growth in Dicot Stem

## Definition

- **Secondary growth** = increase in **girth/diameter** of stem due to activity of **vascular cambium** and **cork cambium**.
  - Occurs in dicotyledons & gymnosperms (absent in most monocots).
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## Vascular Cambium Activity

- Cambium = **lateral meristem**.
  - Forms a continuous ring:
    - **Fascicular cambium** (within vascular bundle).
    - **Interfascicular cambium** (between bundles).
  - Cambial ring cuts:
    - **Secondary xylem (inward)**.
    - **Secondary phloem (outward)**.
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## Wood & Phloem Development

- More **xylem** formed than phloem → bulk of wood.
  - **Annual rings** formed due to seasonal activity:
    - **Spring wood (early wood)** → larger vessels, less thick walls.
    - **Autumn wood (late wood)** → narrow vessels, thick walls.
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## Heartwood vs Sapwood

- **Sapwood** → outer, lighter, active conduction.
  - **Heartwood** → inner, darker, non-functional, impregnated with tannins/resins.
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## Rays

- **Medullary rays** → lateral transport of food & water.
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## Periderm Formation (Cork Cambium)

- **Phellogen (cork cambium)** arises in cortex.
- Produces **phellem (cork, outwards)** & **phelloderm (secondary cortex, inwards)**.

- Replaces ruptured epidermis.
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### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Cambium Products** → “X-in, P-out”
    - Cambium cuts **Xylem inwards** and **Phloem outwards**.
  - **Periderm Layers** → “COP”
    - **C**ork (phellem)
    - **O**origin (phellogen)
    - **P**helloderm
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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- Secondary growth due to **vascular cambium + cork cambium**.
- Produces **annual rings** (basis of dendrochronology).
- **Heartwood** = dark, durable, non-conducting; **Sapwood** = light, conducting.
- Periderm replaces epidermis (phellem, phellogen, phelloderm).

## 📖 2 – Secondary Growth in Dicot Root 🌱

### ◆ General Features

- Occurs in dicot roots like *Sunflower, Pea, Bean*.
  - Initiated by **cambium formation from pericycle + vascular tissues**.
  - Leads to increase in **girth** of root.
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### ◆ Steps in Secondary Growth

#### 1. Cambium Formation

- Cambium originates from:
  - **Parenchyma between xylem and phloem (intra-fascicular).**
  - **Pericycle opposite protoxylem poles (extra-fascicular).**
- These join to form a **wavy cambial ring**, later becomes circular.

#### 2. Cambium Activity

- **Secondary xylem** → cut towards inner side.
- **Secondary phloem** → cut towards outer side.
- Xylem more abundant than phloem → concentric growth.

### 3. Medullary Rays

- Cambium cuts ray initials → form **secondary medullary rays** for lateral transport.

### 4. Periderm Formation

- Cork cambium (from pericycle) produces:
  - **Phellem (cork)** outward.
  - **Phelloderm (secondary cortex)** inward.

## ◆ Anatomical Results

- Root shows **radial arrangement** → secondary xylem and phloem form concentric rings.
- Central pith gets reduced due to massive secondary xylem.
- Cork replaces epidermis for protection.

## ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Origin of Cambium in Root** → “PP”
  - **P**ericycle
  - **P**arenchyma (between xylem & phloem)

## ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- **Cambium in roots** arises partly from **pericycle**.
- Produces **secondary xylem inward & phloem outward**.
- Rays provide lateral conduction.
- **Periderm (phellem, phellogen, phelloderm)** replaces cortex & epidermis.
- Pith reduced/obliterated due to xylem growth.

## 📖 3 – Secondary Growth in Gymnosperms 🌲

### ◆ General Features

- Gymnosperms (e.g., *Pinus*, *Cycas*) undergo **secondary growth** by vascular cambium.
  - Similar to dicots, but **wood anatomy differs**.
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### ◆ Cambium Activity

- **Cambium ring** produces:
    - **Secondary xylem (inward)** → forms the bulk of wood.
    - **Secondary phloem (outward)** → narrow zone.
  - **Annual rings** form due to seasonal activity.
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### ◆ Wood Structure in Gymnosperms

#### 1. Tracheid Dominance

- Main water-conducting cells = **tracheids** (not vessels).
- Bordered pits for conduction.

#### 2. Xylem Rays

- Mostly **uniseriate** (one cell wide).
- Aid in radial transport.

#### 3. Resin Canals

- Present in many gymnosperms (*Pinus*).
- Lined by **epithelial cells** secreting resin.

#### 4. Phloem

- Consists of **sieve cells + albuminous cells**.
  - No companion cells or sieve tubes (angiosperm feature).
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### ◆ Heartwood vs Sapwood

- Similar distinction as dicots:
    - **Sapwood** → functional, lighter.
    - **Heartwood** → dark, durable, non-functional.
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### ◆ Special Features

- Gymnosperm wood = **non-porous** (no vessels).
  - Called **softwood** (though mechanically strong).
  - Resin canals aid defense & healing.
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### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Gymnosperm Xylem Features** → “T-R-N”
    - Tracheids dominant
    - Resin canals
    - Non-porous wood
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### ◆ Exam Capsule 📌

- Secondary growth in gymnosperms via **cambium ring**.
- Wood made of **tracheids (not vessels)** → bordered pits.
- Rays mostly **uniseriate**.
- Phloem = sieve cells + albuminous cells.
- Resin canals → diagnostic of *Pinus* and related species.

## 📖 4 – Anomalous Secondary Growth 🦋📌

### ◆ Definition

- Secondary growth that **deviates from the normal pattern** of cambial activity.
  - Common in **dicot stems (Boerhaavia, Achyranthes)** and **monocot stems (Dracaena, Yucca)**.
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### ◆ 1. Boerhaavia (Dicot Stem)

- Has **three types of cambia**:
    1. **Normal cambium** → produces regular secondary xylem & phloem.
    2. **Accessory cambia** arise successively from pericycle/parenchyma.
    3. Accessory cambia cut **conjunctive tissue + secondary bundles**.
  - Results in **concentric rings of vascular bundles**.
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## ◆ 2. Achyranthes (Dicot Stem)

- Successive cambia arise in **conjunctive tissue**.
  - Each forms **xylem on inner side, phloem on outer side**.
  - Leads to formation of **secondary medullary bundles** in concentric fashion.
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## ◆ 3. Dracaena / Yucca (Monocot Stem)

- Monocots usually lack secondary growth.
  - Here, a **secondary thickening meristem (STM)** arises outside the vascular bundles.
  - STM cuts off **secondary vascular bundles & ground tissue**.
  - Produces **anomalous secondary thickening** in monocot stems.
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## ◆ Key Features

Plant	Peculiarity
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Boerhaavia	Rings of vascular bundles by accessory cambia
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Achyranthes	Secondary medullary bundles
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Dracaena	Secondary thickening meristem in monocots
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## ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **“BAD” Anomalous Growth**
    - **B**oerhaavia → concentric bundles
    - **A**chyranthes → medullary bundles
    - **D**racaena → monocot thickening meristem
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## ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- **Anomalous secondary growth** = irregular cambium activity.
- **Boerhaavia** → successive cambia → concentric vascular rings.
- **Achyranthes** → successive cambia → medullary bundles.
- **Dracaena** → monocot → secondary thickening meristem produces bundles & ground tissue.

## 📖 5 – Annual Rings & Dendrochronology 🌳🕒

### 💎 Annual Rings

- Produced by **seasonal activity of vascular cambium**.
  - **Spring wood (early wood)** → formed in favorable season (spring/summer).
    - Large vessels, thin-walled, lighter color.
  - **Autumn wood (late wood)** → formed in unfavorable season (winter/autumn).
    - Narrow vessels, thick-walled, dark color.
  - One cycle of spring + autumn wood = **Annual Ring**.
  - Each annual ring = **1 year of plant's age**.
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### 💎 Factors Affecting Ring Formation

- Climate (temperature, rainfall).
  - Soil conditions.
  - Availability of nutrients.
  - Internal genetic control.
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### 💎 Dendrochronology (Tree-Ring Dating)

- **Science of dating past events using annual rings.**
  - Uses overlapping tree-ring series from old trees/fossil woods.
  - Applications:
    - Age determination of trees.
    - Paleoclimatic studies (rainfall, drought, temperature records).
    - Archaeological dating of wood used in ancient constructions.
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### 💎 Special Cases

- **Tropical trees** may not show distinct rings (uniform growth).
  - Distinct rings common in **temperate regions** with clear seasonal variations.
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### 💎 Mnemonics 💡

- **Annual Ring Parts** → “SL”
  - **S**pring wood → Soft, light, large vessels.

- Late (autumn) wood → Dark, dense, lignified.

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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🌀

- **Annual ring = spring wood + autumn wood.**
- Each annual ring = **1 year of growth.**
- **Spring wood** = larger vessels, lighter.
- **Autumn wood** = smaller vessels, darker.
- **Dendrochronology** = study of annual rings to date tree age & past climate.

## 📖 6 – Heartwood vs Sapwood 🌲🍳

### ◆ Sapwood (Alburnum)

- **Outer lighter zone** of secondary xylem.
- Living xylem → actively conducts **water & minerals.**
- Contains functional tracheids/vessels.
- Rich in starch, sugars, other nutrients.
- Softer, less durable.

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### ◆ Heartwood (Duramen)

- **Inner darker zone** of secondary xylem.
- Non-conducting → vessels/tracheids blocked by **tyloses** or deposits.
- Contains resins, tannins, oils, gums → give durability & color.
- Provides mechanical strength.
- Hard, dense, resistant to pathogens.

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### ◆ Structural Differences

Feature	Sapwood 🌲	Heartwood 🍳
Position	Outer	Inner
Function	Conducting	Non-conducting
Color	Light	Dark



Feature	Sapwood 🌿	Heartwood 🌳
Storage	Starch, food	Tannins, oils, gums
Durability	Less durable	Highly durable

### ◆ Functional Significance

- Sapwood → essential for tree's survival (water transport).
- Heartwood → provides durability & strength (timber value).

### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- “S-H” Rule
  - Sapwood = **S**ervice (conduction).
  - Heartwood = **H**ard (strength).

### ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- **Sapwood** = functional xylem (light-colored, conducts water).
- **Heartwood** = non-functional xylem (dark, durable, mechanical strength).
- **Tyloses & deposits** make heartwood impermeable.
- Heartwood gives **economic timber value**.

## 📖 7 – Periderm Formation 🌳📐

### ◆ Why Periderm Forms?

- As stem/root thickens due to secondary growth, **epidermis ruptures**.
- Replaced by **periderm** → protective tissue formed by **cork cambium (phellogen)**.

### ◆ Components of Periderm

1. **Phellogen (Cork Cambium)**
  - Secondary lateral meristem.
  - Origin: hypodermis, epidermis, cortex, or phloem parenchyma.
  - Produces cork outward & secondary cortex inward.

## 2. **Phellem (Cork)**

- Produced **outwards**.
- Dead, suberized cells, impermeable to water.
- Protective barrier against injury, pathogens, desiccation.

## 3. **Phelloderm (Secondary Cortex)**

- Produced **inwards**.
- Living, parenchymatous cells.
- Stores food, performs limited photosynthesis.

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### ◆ **Sequence of Formation**

**Epidermis ruptures → Phellogen arises → Cuts off Phellem (outer) + Phelloderm (inner) → Together form Periderm.**

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### ◆ **Functions**

- Provides mechanical strength.
  - Prevents water loss.
  - Barrier against microbes, physical injury.
  - Phelloderm → storage & photosynthesis.
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### ◆ **Mnemonics** 💡

- **Periderm layers → “POP”**
    - **P**hellogen
    - **O**utward → Phellem
    - **P**helloderm inward
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### ◆ **Exam Capsule** 🌀

- **Periderm** = secondary protective tissue (phellogen + phellem + phelloderm).
- **Phellogen** → lateral meristem, forms cork cambium.
- **Phellem** = cork, dead, suberized.
- **Phelloderm** = secondary cortex, living.
- Collectively replaces ruptured epidermis.

## 📖 8 – Lenticels 🌳🔍

### 💎 Definition

- **Lens-shaped openings** in periderm that allow **gaseous exchange**.
  - First observed by **Maluighi (1686)**.
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### 💎 Structure

- Formed in **periderm** at places where phellogen is more active.
  - Consist of:
    1. **Complementary cells** → loosely arranged, thin-walled, living.
    2. **Closing layer** → compact cells formed periodically.
    3. Surrounded by **cork cells**.
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### 💎 Development

- **Phellogen** in localized regions cuts cells loosely instead of compactly.
  - Loose **complementary cells** break through cork layers → lenticel forms.
  - Remains open for exchange → covered by closing layer during unfavorable season.
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### 💎 Functions

- Allow **exchange of gases** ( $O_2$  ,  $CO_2$  , water vapor) between inner tissues & atmosphere.
  - Maintain respiration when stomata are closed (e.g., night, winter).
  - Help in transpiration to some extent.
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### 💎 Special Notes

- Common in **woody stems & roots**.
  - Well visible as raised spots on bark (e.g., Mango, Apple, Potato tuber surface).
  - Complementary cells may dry & shed seasonally.
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### 💎 Mnemonics 💡

- **Lenticel Parts** → “**3C**”

- Complementary cells
- Closing layer
- Cork boundary

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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🌀

- Lenticels = **aerating pores in periderm**.
- Formed by phellogen → complementary cells.
- Enable gas exchange even when cork is impermeable.
- Found in **woody stems, roots, potato tubers**.

## 📖 9 – Bark (Types & Uses) 🌳📐

### ◆ Definition

- Bark = all tissues **outside vascular cambium** (secondary phloem + periderm).
- Protective outer covering in woody plants.

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### ◆ Types of Bark

1. **Early Bark**
  - Formed at early stages of secondary growth.
  - Thin, smooth.
2. **Late Bark**
  - Formed in older stems.
  - Thick, rough.
3. **Ring (Complete) Bark**
  - Encircles the stem completely.
4. **Scaly Bark**
  - Shed in scales or flakes.
  - Example: *Guava*, *Syzygium*.
5. **Furrowed (Ridge) Bark**
  - Deep cracks and ridges.

- Example: *Mango*, *Neem*.

## 6. Rhytidome

- Outermost dead bark formed by successive periderm layers.
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### ◆ Functions of Bark

- Protection from physical injury, desiccation, microbes.
  - Reduces water loss.
  - Insulates against temperature extremes.
  - Stores secondary metabolites.
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### ◆ Commercial Uses

- **Cork** → bottle stoppers, insulation, flooring (*Quercus suber*).
  - **Tannins** → leather industry (*Acacia*, *Rhizophora*).
  - **Spices & Medicines** → *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* (cinnamon), *Cinchona* (quinine).
  - **Fibres** → ropes, mats (*Tilia*).
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### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Bark Uses** → “**CTS-F**”
    - **C**ork
    - **T**annins
    - **S**pices/medicines
    - **F**ibres
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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- Bark = **phloem + periderm** outside cambium.
- Types → scaly, ring, furrowed, rhytidome.
- Functions → **protection, storage, insulation**.
- Economic importance → cork, tannins, spices (cinnamon), drugs (quinine).

## 10 – Secretory Tissues

### ◆ Definition

- Special tissues that secrete **latex, resins, oils, nectar, mucilage, gums**.
  - Found in many higher plants for **defense, attraction, storage, wound healing**.
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### ◆ Types of Secretory Tissues

#### 1. Laticiferous Tissues (Latex Secreting)

- Contain **milky fluid (latex)** – emulsions of proteins, alkaloids, rubber, resins.
- Two types:
  - **Non-articulate (simple)** → unicellular, branched, multinucleate; originate from a single cell. (e.g., *Calotropis*, *Nerium*).
  - **Articulate (compound)** → multicellular, formed by series of cells with dissolved walls (e.g., *Papaver*, *Hevea brasiliensis* → rubber plant).

#### Functions:

- Defense against herbivores (toxic/bitter).
  - Healing of wounds.
  - Commercial products: **rubber, opium, chicle, gutta-percha**.
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#### 2. Glandular Tissues

- Secrete **oils, resins, nectar, mucilage**.
- Types:
  - **Oil glands** → Citrus (oil glands in peel).
  - **Resin ducts** → Pinus (defense).
  - **Nectaries** → secrete nectar (floral attraction for pollinators).
  - **Salt glands** → halophytes, excrete salts.
  - **Hydathodes** → secrete water by guttation.

#### Functions:

- Attract pollinators (nectar).
  - Defense (resins, oils).
  - Salt regulation (halophytes).
  - Removal of excess water (hydathodes).
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## ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Secretory Tissues** → “LaGONRHS”
    - **L**atex (laticifers)
    - **G**lands
    - **O**ils
    - **N**ectaries
    - **R**esin ducts
    - **H**ydathodes
    - **S**alt glands
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## ◆ Exam Capsule 📌

- **Secretory tissues** = laticifers + glandular.
- **Laticifers** → simple (Calotropis), compound (Papaver, Hevea).
- **Products** → rubber, opium, gutta-percha.
- **Glands** → oils (Citrus), resins (Pinus), nectar (pollination), hydathodes (guttation).
- Role in **defense, attraction, wound healing, excretion**.

# 📖 11 – Anomalous Secondary Thickening in Monocots 🌱

## ◆ General Background

- **Monocots** usually lack secondary growth (no vascular cambium).
  - But some (Palm, Yucca, Dracaena, Agave) show **anomalous thickening** by special meristems.
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## ◆ Mechanism

1. **Secondary Thickening Meristem (STM)**
  - A **meristematic zone** forms outside primary vascular bundles.
  - Cuts off:
    - **Secondary vascular bundles** (inward).
    - **Ground tissue (parenchyma/fibers)** (outward).

## 2. Successive Vascular Bundles

- New vascular bundles keep forming in concentric rings.
  - Embedded in conjunctive tissue.
  - Leads to increased girth.
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### ◆ Examples

- **Dracaena**
    - STM produces secondary vascular bundles & conjunctive tissue.
    - Bundles = xylem (with vessels) + phloem.
  - **Yucca & Agave**
    - Similar pattern; vascular bundles embedded in parenchymatous ground tissue.
  - **Palm**
    - Shows **diffuse secondary growth** → parenchyma and vascular bundles added irregularly by STM.
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### ◆ Structural Features

- Secondary vascular bundles are **collateral, closed**.
  - Wood is **fibrous**, not forming rings.
  - No cambium ring, no typical annual rings.
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### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- “**DYP**” → **Dracaena, Yucca, Palm** = monocots with anomalous thickening.
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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- Normal secondary growth absent in monocots.
- **STM (secondary thickening meristem)** produces secondary bundles & ground tissue.
- **Dracaena/Yucca** → concentric vascular bundles in conjunctive tissue.
- **Palm** → diffuse thickening.
- Explains why some monocots develop tree-like girth despite lacking cambium.



## 📖 12 – Special Structures in Plants 🌿🌱

### ◆ 1. Hydathodes

- **Pores at leaf margins/apex** connected to vein endings.
  - Surrounded by thin-walled **epithem tissue**.
  - Exude water drops by **guttation** (when transpiration is low, e.g., night, humid morning).
  - Example: *Colocasia*, *Nasturtium*, *Tomato*.
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### ◆ 2. Trichomes (Hair-like Outgrowths)

- Outgrowths of **epidermal cells**.
  - Types:
    - **Non-glandular** → unicellular or multicellular hairs, cotton fibers.
    - **Glandular** → secrete sticky substances, essential oils.
  - Functions: reduce transpiration, defense, absorption (root hairs).
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### ◆ 3. Nectaries

- Specialized glands that secrete **nectar** → attract pollinators.
  - Located inside flowers (**floral nectaries**) or outside (**extrafloral**, e.g., cotton).
  - Nectar = sugars, amino acids, volatiles.
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### ◆ 4. Resin Ducts

- Tubular canals lined by **epithelial cells** secreting resin.
  - Found in gymnosperms (*Pinus*) and some angiosperms.
  - Function: defense, sealing wounds.
  - Products: **turpentine, resins**.
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### ◆ 5. Oil Glands

- Contain essential oils (volatile).
  - Examples: *Citrus* (oil in peel), *Eucalyptus* (oil for medicine).
  - Function: defense, aroma, pollinator attraction.
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### ◆ Mnemonics 💡

- **Special Structures** → “H-T-N-R-O”
    - Hydathodes
    - Trichomes
    - Nectaries
    - Resin ducts
    - Oil glands
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### ◆ Exam Capsule 🧠

- **Hydathodes** → guttation (leaf tips).
- **Trichomes** → absorption, defense, transpiration control.
- **Nectaries** → nectar secretion for pollination.
- **Resin ducts** → resin secretion in *Pinus*.
- **Oil glands** → Citrus, Eucalyptus → essential oils.