

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Dave's Garden website home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo 'Dave's Garden' and links for 'HOME', 'GUIDES & INFORMATION', 'COMMUNITIES', 'GARDEN SHOWCASE', and 'PRODUCTS & SOURCES'. There are also links for 'About Us', 'Sign Up', and 'Log in'. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads 'Welcome to Dave's Garden!' followed by a paragraph describing the site as a favorite for gardeners worldwide, offering articles, videos, forums, and identification services. An advertisement from Google is displayed, with a 'Stop seeing this ad' button. The main content area is titled 'TODAY'S FEATURES' and includes two featured articles: 'Strange Fruit: Wild Tomato Varieties for Your Garden, by Shannon McKee' with a 'Continue reading' link, and 'Confederate Rose (Hibiscus mutabilis), the Changeable Beauty, by Marie Harrison' with a partial description. To the right, there is a search bar and a 'TODAY IN THE FORUMS' section with links to 'View Responses' and 'View all our forums'. A grid of small images is visible below the forums section, with the text 'Pheromone Lure Factory' underneath.

Logo



URL

http://davesgarden.com

Subject

Plants - Directories

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Dave's Garden

### ***Brief History***

The Garden Watchdog is a free directory of 7,869 mail order gardening companies. Since 1994, 4,424 companies have been reviewed in the Garden Watchdog, and 85,225 comments have been posted (57,148 positive, 11,957 neutral, 16,120 negative) by 44,178 customers.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

It provides information on three types of files which are :

- **PlantFiles:** It is the most complete plant database online, with information for new and expert gardeners alike.
- **BugFiles:** It is a database designed to help gardeners identify the insects, spiders, and butterflies in their gardens. BugFiles continues to grow through the collaborative efforts of 2,985 gardeners from around the world. Any registered user may add new insects, images, comments, and ZIP codes. There are 7,305 bugs listed, with 16,778 images and 3,110 comments in this database.
- **BirdFiles:** It is a database designed to help birders identify the birds in their gardens and in nature. It continues to grow through the collaborative efforts of 676 people from around the world. Any registered user may add new birds, images, comments, and ZIP codes. There are 3,525 birds listed, with 8,035 images and 953 comments.

### ***Kind of Information***

Popular plants are kept separately. Each of those plants is given with information on its family, genus, species, cultivar, photograph, brief description, height, spacing, sun exposure, heat (pungency), fruit shape, fruit size, fruit color, disease resistance, seed type, usage, soil ph requirements, propagation methods, seed collecting, foliage color, bloom characteristics, water requirements, where to grow, similar types plants etc. An example is shown below :

<b>Family:</b> Solanaceae (so-lan-AY-see-ee) (Info)
<b>Genus:</b> Capsicum (KAP-sih-kum) (Info)
<b>Species:</b> chinense (chi-NEN-see) (Info)
<b>Cultivar:</b> Habanero



Garden related articles are written by the team of expert gardeners. Daily posts include everything from beginner gardening tips to in-depth articles on botany and landscaping. Each of those articles is given with relevant photograph, date, name of the author etc. Such as:



### Creating A Potager Garden

by Carole Menser (Cville\_Gardener) July 31, 2017

The word potager comes from the Middle English word pottage meaning something in or from a pot. Potage is an Old French word denoting a thick, meatless, vegetable soup. [Read More](#)

The '**Gardenology**' is considered as a knowledge base of 3,507 garden terms compiled by gardeners and farmers from around the world. They've shared their plant knowledge and expertise in 4,753 definitions, tips, and techniques. Here one term can be defined by different experts in different ways.

The '**Insectipedia**' can be considered as an insect & bug dictionary and name guide of the same. Insectipedia is a reference guide containing an alphabetical list of botanical (latin) words for insects and bugs, with information given for each word, usually including the etymology (i.e., history and/or origin) and pronunciation. An example is shown below:

### Insectipedia: Bombus

**Meaning:** From the Greek bombos (buzzing or deep sound)

**Pronunciation:** BOM-bus

Registered users can view all trade lists from where they can know about all the lists of seeds and plants that are available for trading by the members of DG. They can manage their own trade list at this page also. Discussion forums for plant and seed trading can help them in this case.

List of members under each country and each state of U.S. can be seen also with their date of joining.

### *Special Features*

- A botanical dictionary is provided here to know about different terms and their meanings.
- Advance search can be done.
- Videos are given on several topics.
- Online shopping can be done.

### *Arrangement Pattern*

Names of plants are arranged alphabetically as follows:

Apples  
Azaleas and Rhododendrons  
Beans  
Begonias  
Brugmansias  
Camellias  
Cannas

**Remarks**

Dave's Garden (i.e. "DG") is an informational website where a large, international community of gardeners can learn from each other and find resources offered by the gardening industry.

**Comparable Tools**

- Nurseries Online - <http://www.nurseriesonline.com.au/>
- Plants Database (National Gardening Association) - <https://garden.org/plants/>

**Date of Access**

28<sup>th</sup> July' 2017