

# Spot Characters (4):

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- The leaf stalk or petiole is attached nearer to the centre of the leaf, rather than at or near the leaf margin



*Begonia 'Escargot'* , a popular indoor plant, is an example of a plant with peltate leaves. The photo on the right shows the attachment of the leaf stalk to the leaf blade.



*Nelumbo nucifera* or the Sacred Lotus is another common example of a plant with peltate leaves. The leaf stalk is attached to the center of the large, round leaf.

# Examples of plants recorded from Singapore:

Taxon that are recorded from Singapore (Native)	
*Listing is non-exhaustive	
Family	Genus
Araceae	<i>Alocasia</i> (in part), * <i>Colocasia</i> (in part), <i>Homalomena</i> (in part)
Araliaceae	<i>Hydrocotyle</i>
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Macaranga</i> (in part), <i>Mallotus</i> (in part), * <i>Manihot</i>
Hernandiaceae	<i>Hernandia</i> (in part)
Malvaceae	<i>Sterculia</i> (in part)
Menispermaceae	<i>Coscinium</i> , <i>Cyclea</i> , <i>Stephania</i>
Menyanthaceae	<i>Nymphoides</i>
Nymphaeaceae	<i>Barclaya</i>
Piperaceae	<i>Piper</i> (in part)

\* *Colocasia esculenta* and *Manihot esculenta* are not native to Singapore; the former is an escape from cultivation, and the latter has naturalised.



*Hydrocotyle sibthorpioides* (Lawn Pennywort)



*Hernandia nymphaeifolia*

## Examples of plants recorded from Singapore:



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*Macaranga griffithiana*



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*Nymphoides indica*



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*Manihot esculenta* (Tapioca) - naturalised



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*Sterculia foetida*

# Examples of plants that exist only as cultivated specimens in Singapore:

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Family	Genus
Araceae	<sup>1</sup> <i>Alocasia</i> (in part), <sup>2</sup> <i>Colocasia</i> (in part), <sup>3</sup> <i>Homalomena</i> (in part),
Begoniaceae	<i>Begonia</i> (in part)
Caricaceae	<i>Carica</i>
Convolvulaceae	<i>Dichondra</i>
Hamamelidaceae	<i>Maingaya malayana</i> (Juvenile leaves)
Nelumbonaceae	<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>
Nymphaeaceae	<i>Nymphaea</i> , <i>Victoria amazonica</i>
	<p><sup>1,3</sup>: Refers to the non-native species of the genus</p> <p><sup>2</sup>: Refers to the non-native species of the genus; <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> exists both as cultivated as well as naturalized specimens</p>



*Alocasia* 'Black Velvet'



*Colocasia esculenta* 'Nancy's Revenge'