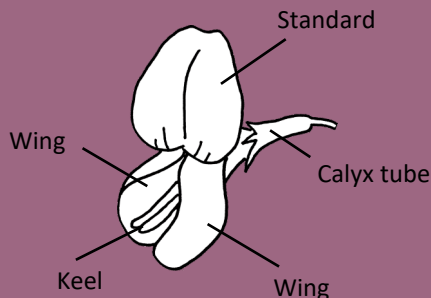




## Fabaceae – Pea Family

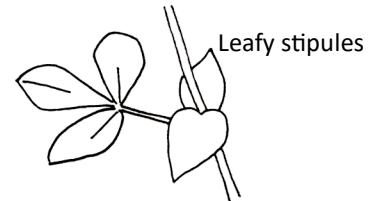
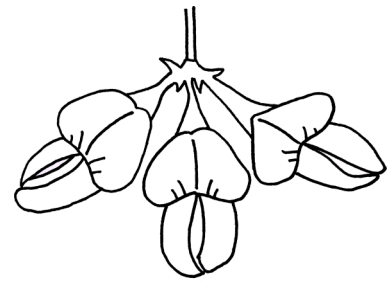
- Zygomorphic flowers
- Five petals comprising one upper lip (standard), two free laterals (wings) and two fused lower lips (keel)
- Five sepals fused into calyx tube
- Leaves often compound
- Stipules present. Usually leafy
- Leaves alternate
- Ten stamens
- Ovary superior
- One carpel
- One style
- Fruit a pod



Example species

### *Lotus corniculatus* – Bird's Foot Trefoil

- Yellow flowers often tinged red
- 2-8 flowers per head
- Procumbent habit
- Stem solid
- Calyx teeth erect in bud
- Trifoliolate leaflets with leafy stipules at the base of the leaf stalk



### Fruit Character

The fruit of members of the Fabaceae family are generally legumes. On maturity these pods open into two valves to eject the seeds within.

