



# ASTERACEAE FAMILY

## CROP MEMBERS

Endive, escarole, chicory, cardoon,  
artichoke, sunflower, lettuce

## FLOWER DESCRIPTION

Tiny flowers in heads can be either  
symmetrical or asymmetrical

## LIFE CYCLE

Varied

## FRUIT TYPE

Achene, dry, indehiscent with  
a pappus (fuzzy parachute)

## MATING SYSTEM

Variable within the family

## POLLINATORS

Many self fertile

## FORMER NAME

Compositae

Botanical Names		
Genus	Specific Epithet	Common
Chichorium	endiva	endive, escarole
Chichorium	intybus	chicory
Helianthus	annuus	sunflower
Lactuca	sativa	lettuce

