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A HORTICULTURAL ZOO

If you listed off plants you've grown, would it sound like a trip to the zoo? a visit to a barnyard? or maybe a walk around your neighborhood? Taxonomists rely on genetics to classify plants, but we can have some fun sorting plants by their common names.

A few of mine could create a Zoo Garden.



Ostrich Fern



Elephant's Foot



Dandelion

Some animal references make me think of a farm:

- Goat's Beard
- Hens and Chicks
- Cock's Comb
- Pig Squeak

And, there are many animals that might show up in my neighborhood:

- Pussywillow
- Cardinal Flower
- Toadflax
- Beebalm
- Turtlehead
- Foxglove
- Skunk Cabbage
- Spiderwort

Does somebody have an idea of where to classify Snapdragons?