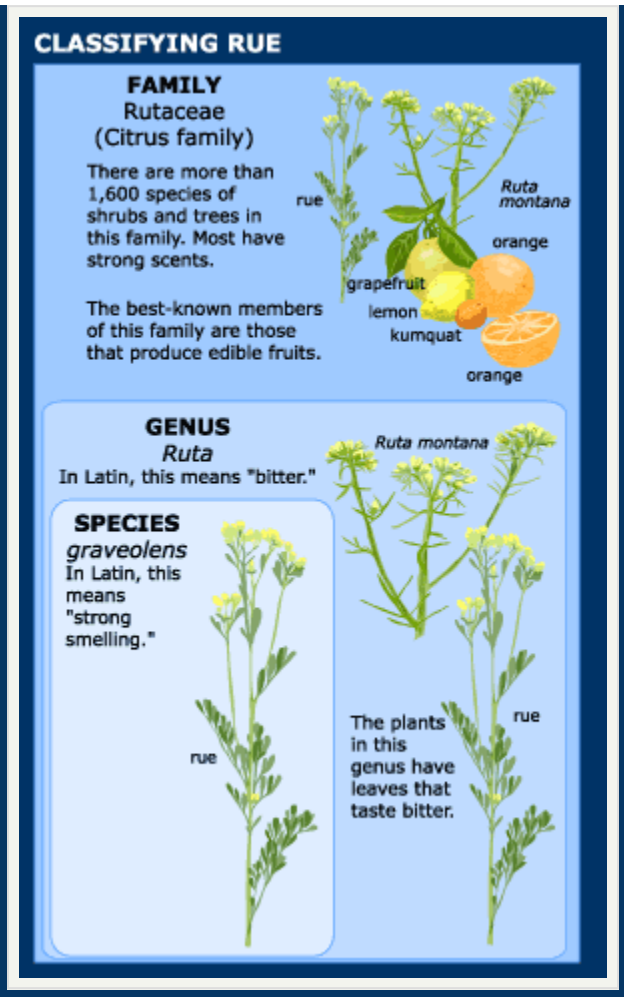
Rue

DID YOU KNOW?
The club on a deck of cards is a rue leaf.
ORIGINS
Rue is native to the Mediterranean region. Ancient Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks believed that rue could treat many illnesses. During the Middle Ages, Europeans believed it had magical powers.
During the Middle Ages, rue was hung in doorways and windows to keep evil spirits out.


CLASSIFYING RUE
FAMILY
Rutaceae
(Citrus family)
There are more than 1,600 species of shrubs and trees in this family. Most have strong scents.
The best-known members of this family are those that produce edible fruits.
rue
Ruta montana
orange
grapefruit
lemon
kumquat
orange
GENUS
Ruta
In Latin, this means "bitter."
Ruta montana
SPECIES
graveolens
In Latin, this means "strong smelling."
rue
The plants in this genus have leaves that taste bitter.
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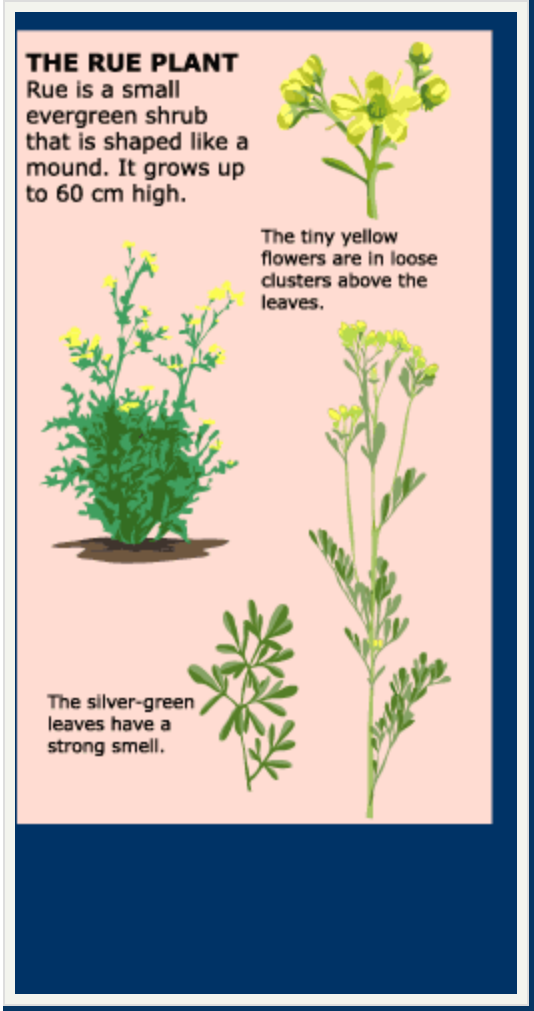

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