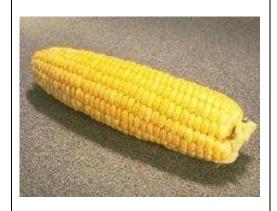
LENAPE NAMES FOR GARDEN ITEMS

These are names and photographs of garden items known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In the first column there are links in blue to click to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you can hear the Lenape name. In the third column enclosed in " " is the literal translation of the Lenape name.

xàskwim

http://talklenape.org/detail?id=11544



corn; Maize (zea mays sp.)

Corn began to be developed in Mexico about 7,000 years ago from a grass-like plant called Teosinte. Many years of selecting only the best of this grain caused it to become the ears of corn similar to what we know today.

puhwèm

http://talklenape.org/detail?id=8902

(some speakers say puhèm)



white flour corn

sèhsapsink

http://talklenape.org/detail?id=9170



blue corn

"that used to make sapan" (corn gruel)

pisim sweet corn "wrinkled corn" http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8781 pèphòksink popcorn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11974 corn shucks (zea mays òpsko sp.) http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7973 "white shucks" milxùkòna corn silk (zea mays) "that which is hair-like" http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4802 milxukwe the corn is silking http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4803

mitkòk http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=4830	corn cob
sipakòn http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9624	corn stalk (zea mays sp.)
malàxkwsit http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=4273	bean Many types of beans were developed by the American Indians. We know these as kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans, string beans, and many more types.
lehëlëmathatèk malàxkwsita http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=3814	bush bean "sit down beans"

kèskùnthàkw http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=2283	pumpkin; squash Pumpkins and Squash which are related to each other have been raised in the Americas for thousands of years.
hopënis http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1453	Potatoes are one of the most widely used foods. They were native to South America and had not yet reached the tribes of North America at the time the first Europeans arrived.
hakialaipën http://talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1242	Jerusalem artichokes / Sunchokes A tuber is a type of sunflower, Helianthus tuberosus, which is sometimes found in grocery stores under the name Sunchokes, or Jerusalem artichokes (although they had nothing to do with Jerusalem nor are they artichokes).
tekëneipën	groundnut One of the other primary tubers eaten by many tribes is the tuber of a plant called Apios americana, sometimes known as Groundnut.

skikopëlësh

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tëmètos

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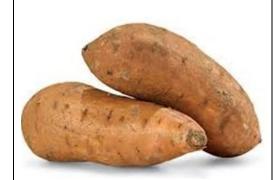


tomato

Tomatoes had their origin in Mexico, and have spread throughout the world. Aztecs and other Indians used them in their cooking. The exact date of domestication is unknown but by 500 BC, they were already being cultivated in southern Mexico and other areas.

shukëlipën

http://talklenape.org/detail?id=9586



sweet potato

The name is misleading as they are not potatoes. They are a type of Morning Glory which forms a tuber. Over many thousands of years by careful selection by Native Americans Sweet Potatoes increased in size and yield to give us what we have today. They are sometimes called Yams, but true Yams are an entirely different plant.

òxeataès

http://talklenape.org/detail?id=8086



sunflower

Tools Used in the Garden

monachkihikan

(This name was recorded by Moravian missionaries in the 1700's in closely related Northern Unami dialect. The use of this tool and the name was not recalled in the 1900's.)



digging stick

kwipëlënay

http://www.talklenape.org/detail?id=3581



hoe (original)

The original hoe was made of the shoulder blade of an animal attached to a stick.



hoe (modern)



Wild Foods Eaten by the Lenape

sipuwas http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9628	plum
mhuwinkwës http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1397	blackberry
ekokolës http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1020	raspberry

Strawberry (fragaria virginiana) tehim http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9948 "heart fruit" blueberry/ huckleberry min tekënei ulepënàk wild onions http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14657

Foods Which Were Introduced to the Americas

màxkchëphìk http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4421	beet "red root"

tùkòlàxkwsita http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10321	peas "round beans"
eskitamink http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1225	watermelon "that which is eaten raw"
panshpèkw http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11748	cantaloupe
ulepën http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10394	onion These are different from the native wild onions.

shëwinkëlës http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9428		gooseberry
èhaskàntasik http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=957		lettuce
chëphìk http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=722		radish
	The names for the following foods were borrowed from European languages:	
pilkësh http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8725		peach

apëlish http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=549	apple
hots http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1460	oats (avena sativa)
tënàpës http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9856	turnip
wit	wheat
kèpëch http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2254	cabbage

màstël

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4348



mustard greens

The same name is used for the condiment mustard.

kukumës

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3179



cucumber

Non-Food Items Grown by the Lenape

xkànakhàkw

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11630



gourd "bone bottle"

These were often made into rattles and larger ones were made into containers.

kwshatay (tobacco) http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3636

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lëni kwshatay (indian tobacco)

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3911



Tobacco or Indian tobacco (nicotiana rustica)

LENAPE GARDENING TERMS

hakihakàn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1243	garden
ntàkihakàn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12398	my field; my garden
hakihakànëtët http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14333	little garden
hakihe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1248	he makes a garden; he plants; he farms
ntàkihe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7249	I make a garden; I plant; I farm
kishhakihe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2460	he finished planting
lakehëma http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3727	he hoes; he hills up corn
nipala http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=6383	I set it out (a plant) (used of transplanting a plant such as tomatoes)
sakàn http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9080	it comes up (vegetation); it sprouts

laphakihe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3762	he replants
kishikën http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2466	it is fully grown (vegetation)
tèpikën http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10126	it is ripe (a plant); it has grown to maturity
nsehëmën http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7057	I sow it

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