

Word Power! — some alternatives for technical (non-anatomical) words as used by Benson

acuminate — tapering to a point
acute — forming a sharp angle
aeneous — golden green, brassy
adpressed — close-lying
alutaceous — grained like soft leather
arborescent — growing as a tree
arcuate — curved
arcuately — with a curve
attenuate — weak
auctt. — of authors
axillary — under wings
bifid — split in two
carina — keel
carinate — keeled
cf. — comparable to
clavate — club-shaped
confluent — merging
contiguous — running side by side
coriaceous — grained like leather
dentate — tooth-like
dehiscence — parting
distal — far (from body)
dorsal — upper side
dorsally — on/from upper side
dorso-ventrally — from top to bottom
emarginate — with curved notch
emargination — curved notch
excised — ‘cut out’
excision — cut-out
ex parte — in part
extruded — pushed outwards
exserted — projecting
falciform — sickle-shaped
flabellate — fan-like
filiform — thread-like
flavescent — tinged yellow
flavous — yellow
fulvous — orange/brown
fuscous — grey/brown
glabrous — hairless
gregarious — living in groups
homonym — name already taken
hyaline — clear
immaculate — unmarked
impunctate — unpitted
incrassate — swollen
in litt. — in correspondence
infuscate — darkened
interstitial — meeting (wing vein) at same point
lateral — side
laterally — on/from side
linear — a line, of negligible width
lunate — crescent-shaped
lunulate — crescent-shaped
medial — middle
medially — in middle
median — middle
nec — not of
nigroaeneous — brassy black
oblique — diagonal

obtuse — forming a blunt angle
op. cit. — publication cited earlier
parthenogenesis — reproduction without fertilisation
parthenogenetic — unmated females reproduce
peduncle — stalk
pedunculata — stalked
petiole — basal stalk
petiolate — with basal stalk
piceous — blackish (like tar)
plumose — feather-like
proximal — near (to body)
pubescence — hairs
pubescent — hairy
punctate — pitted
punctuation — pitting
punctures — small pits
punctured — pitted
quadrately — rectangularly
rugae — wrinkles
rugose — wrinkled
rugulae — fine wrinkles
rugulose — finely wrinkled
sclerite — hardened plate (any)
sclerotized — hardened
serrate — serrated
sculpture — surface texture
sculptured — roughened
sessile — lacking stalk
setae — bristles
setaceous — bristly
setiform — bristle-shaped
sordid — darkened
spatulate — spoon-shaped
squamous — scale-like
striate — finely grooved
striations — fine grooves
subbifid — split roughly in two
subclavate — slightly club-shaped
subhyaline — almost clear
subinfusate — slightly darkened
subtruncate — abruptly ended by a slight curve
sulci — grooves
sulcus — groove
suture — seam
synonym — former (incorrect) name
synonymised — listed as a former (incorrect) name
synonymy — listing of former (incorrect) names
testaceous — red/brown
transverse — crosswise
tridentate — three ‘toothed’
truncate — abruptly ended square
unpunctured — unpitted
unsculptured — smooth
venation — wing veins
venter — underside
ventral — underside
ventrally — on/from underside
vestigial — undeveloped
violaceous — tinged violet