

Digging Deep

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Leaf Snap:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/leafsnap/id430649829?mt=8>

Have you ever been on a hike and found a leaf that you just had to know what it was? Leafsnap was designed by researchers from the University of Maryland, the Smithsonian, and Columbia University. Snap a photo of any leaf and the app will identify the species! This makes experts of us all.

Our Rose Garden:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/our-rose-garden/id577793777?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo=4>

If you are a rose lover, you will love this app created by the University of Illinois Extension. It includes videos, a gallery to track your rose favorites, and information on planting, pruning, and caring for the hardest working plant in your collection.

Diagnostic Sample Submission:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sample-submission/id669269520?mt=8>



Yellow Narcissus



Potted cyclamen brighten a winter border or path.

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Similar to the Garden Compass app, the Plant Diagnostic Sample Submission allows you to submit digital photos to a university diagnostic laboratory for identification of diseases and pests. No more need to wonder if you have spider mites or rust, this app could become a farmer's best friend.

Now that it is winter and we've put our gardens to bed, instead of just dreaming about the future, let's go into action and embrace the latest technology to help us become the best stewards of our yards as possible. Dream it! Do it! Start clicking!



Don't miss the magnificent magnolias at the San Francisco Botanical Gardens.