



SOIL COLOUR DESCRIPTION CHART

Soils may be classified according to a single colour selected from the accompanying list. Many soils however are a combination of more than one colour and better described say as *Gray-Yellow* or *Brown-Orange*. When deciding on a two colour combination the dominant colour should be placed first and qualified by the second; eg a brown-orange soil would be predominantly brown with a slight orange shade.

In addition to the above, the terms *Light* and *Dark* may be applied to colours in order to achieve a more accurate description.

NOTE: It should be noted that the colour of a soil sample when wet can be quite different from its colour dry.

COLOUR	ABBREVIATIONS
BROWN	BR
GREY	GR OR GY
BLACK	BK
BROWN-GREY	BRGR
GREY-BROWN	GRBR
LIGHT BROWN	LTBR
DARK BROWN	DKBR
LIGHT GREY	LTGR
DARK GREY	DKGR
BROWN-YELLOW	BRYW
BROWN-RED	BRRD
BROWN-ORANGE	BROR
BROWN-BLACK	BRBK
BROWN-WHITE	BRWH
GREY-BLACK	GRBK
GREY-WHITE	GRWH
GREY-YELLOW	GRYW
GREY-PINK	GRPK
WHITE	WH
YELLOW	YW
YELLOW-BROWN	YWBR
YELLOW-GREY	YWGR
ORANGE	OR
RED	RD
PINK	PN OR PK