



Panicle: A compound inflorescence in which the main axis is branched and may support spikes, racemes, or corymbs.

The scientific name of garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) tells us that this plant produces flowers in panicles. Looking into this partially opened panicle shows us that this is indeed a branched, compound inflorescence.



The branched nature of this astilbe panicle is fairly easy to spot.



Many grasses, like this switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*) have their flowers in open panicles.



Trees, like this red horsechestnut (*Aesculus x carnea*) can have panicles as well.

