

## **TABLE 8.5 Criteria for Distinguishing Domestic versus Wild Plants and Animals (of the same species)**

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### **ATTRIBUTES OF DOMESTIC VARIETIES OF PLANTS**

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The part of the plant that people use is usually larger

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The plant may have lost its mechanism for natural dispersal

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The part of the plant that people use may have become clustered

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There is often a genetic change

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There may be a loss of dormancy

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The plants tend to ripen simultaneously

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There is a tendency for less self-protection, such as thorns and toxins

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### **ATTRIBUTES OF DOMESTIC VARIETIES OF ANIMALS**

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The animals are smaller (at least in the early stages of domestication)

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There is a tendency to find more complete skeletons in the faunal assemblage

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There is likely to be a high percentage of young animals in the faunal assemblage

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There is likely to be a high percentage of young male animals in the faunal assemblage

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There is likely to be a high percentage of old female animals in the faunal assemblage

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