



Follicle: A fruit derived from a simple pistil and opening along a single suture; dehiscent at maturity. Example: milkweed, columbine.

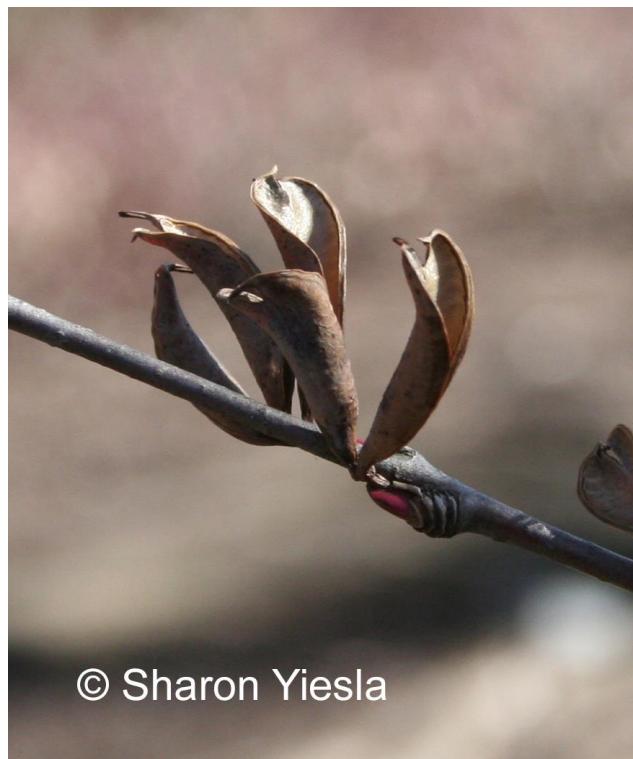
Milkweed fruits are often called pods. This is not a botanical term. These fruits are actually follicles. Note how this opens only along one seam or suture.



The follicles of Indian hemp (*Apocynum cannabinum*) are long and narrow.



Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*) also has follicles, but they are much smaller.



Columbine (*Aquilegia* spp.) has follicles in clusters.



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