

*Euphorbia corollata*

Flowering Spurge (page 1 of 1)

The inflorescence is a cyme of cyathia (left), subtended by a whorl of small leaves (right).



The plant, when in flower, can be 1 to 3 feet tall.

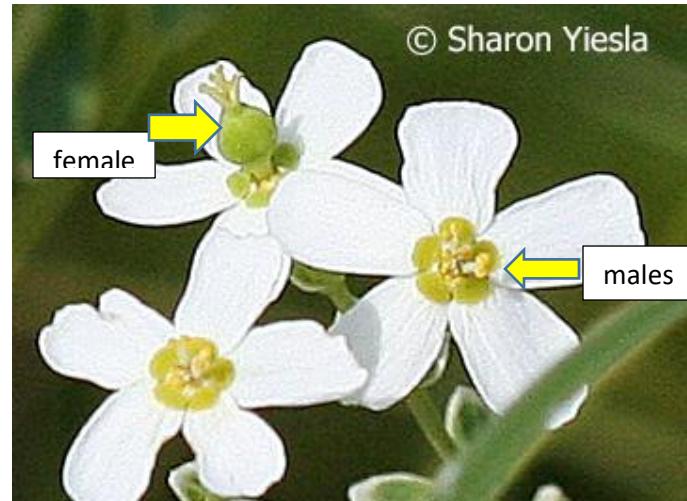


Fruits are capsules; each has three chambers, with one seed per chamber. The fruit is dehiscent.



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'Flowers' of *Euphorbia* are not what they appear to be. *Euphorbia* has a cup-like cyathium, with five white petaloid bracts, each with a nectar gland at its base. Male flowers are solitary stamens. Female flower is an ovary with a three-parted style. Each cyathium contains one female and several male flowers.



Alternate leaves are oblong and nearly sessile; about 2 inches long. Milky sap.



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