

*Podophyllum peltatum*

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The nodding, white flowers are perfect, with 6 to 9 petals. An enlarged pistil topped with a rounded stigma sits in the center of the flower, surrounded by a ring of stamens. Flowers are about 1" and are solitary, arising from the angle between the leaves. Flowers are borne only on plants with two leaves.



The 'mayapples' are really fleshy berries. When mature, the fruit is light yellow. The fully ripe fruit is edible. The unripe fruit, as well as the rest of the plant is poisonous to ingest.



Each plant has one or two leaves. The leaves emerge from the soil, like spears, and then pop open like small umbrellas, due to the peltate leafstalk. Each leaf has an overall rounded outline, but is deeply divided into lobes. The plants grow in colonies that sprout from rhizomes.

