



**Umbel:** An inflorescence (often flat-topped) with the flower stalks arising from a single point like the spokes of an umbrella. Umbels are illustrated below.

*Allium tuberosum* (Garlic chives): This is a simple umbel.



*Anethum graveolens* (Dill): This is a compound umbel. Each stalk of the main umbel terminates in a smaller umbel.



*Asclepias syriaca* (Common milkweed): Most umbels are flat-topped, but some can be rounded.



*Cornus mas* (Corneliancherry dogwood): Another simple umbel.

