

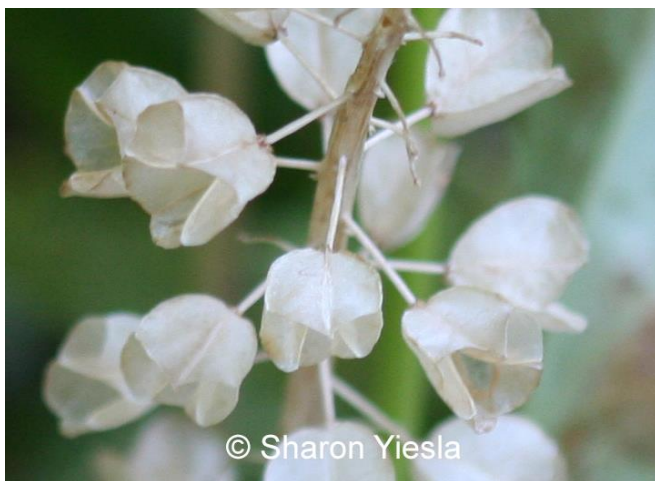


**Capsule:** A dry fruit derived from a compound pistil, one that has multiple chambers in the ovary. Capsules are dehiscent at maturity and open (in various ways) to release the seeds.

Capsules open in different ways. The capsule of Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*) opens into five sections. It is a loculicidal capsule, so it splits open in the middle of the locules (chambers) rather than at the walls between them. .



The capsules of grape-hyacinth (*Muscari*) open into three sections.



The capsules of culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*) don't split open completely. The capsule splits open at the top only.



*Catalpa* (*Catalpa* spp.) has a long capsule that may be mistaken for a legume. It has two sections that developed from a compound pistil with two chambers. A legume develops from a simple pistil.

