



*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 upripe 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](#).

