



In general, a flower has 4 whorls, or rings, of structures. The outermost whorl is comprised of the sepals. Inside or above that will be a whorl of petals. Inside or above that will be the male stamen(s) and in the center will be the female pistil(s). Seeing what is missing or what is extra beyond these 4 whorls, may help us identify the plant or at least the plant family.

***Jeffersonia* (Twinleaf)**

1. Before the flower opens, there are four sepals covering the bud. They are light purple in color.



2. As the bud begins to open, the sepals start to fall away and the 8 white petals start to open.



3. Once the flower opens, the 8 separate white petals unfurl and the 8 yellow stamens and green pistil are seen in the center.

