



Project BudBurst

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Common Name: Mayapple
Scientific Name: *Podophyllum peltatum*
Plant Family: Berberidaceae

Identifying Characteristics:

Size: 30 to 60 cm (1 to 2 ft) tall perennial forb, often in clones

Leaves: Leaves are peltate, meaning the stem is attached in the center of leaf, giving it an 'umbrella' appearance. Plants have just one leaf if they are not in the flowering stage; reproductive plants have two leaves.

Flowers: each reproductive plant bears a single white, 6-9-parted, 2.5 to 6.25 cm (1 to 2.5 in) wide flower which hangs from the junction of the 2 opposite leaves

Habitat: Moist woodlands in partial shade

Bloom time: May, as the name suggests

Information source:
Robert Freckmann Herbarium, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
(wisplants.uwsp.edu/index.html)



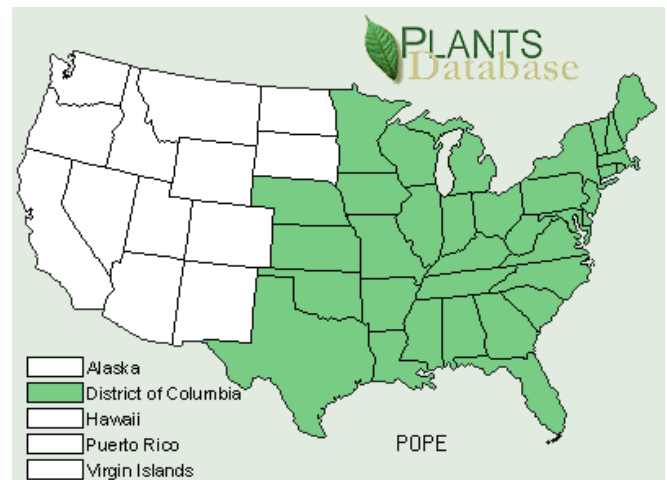
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Phenological observation:
First Flower

Distribution Area:



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Did you know? The fruits of the mayapple are edible, but beware of the highly poisonous roots and leaves!