

# May Apple

(*Podophyllum peltatum*)



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- A spring-flowering woodland plant that spreads primarily through underground stems (rhizomes).
- Two deeply-lobed umbrella-like leaves shelter a single white flower arising between the two leaf stalks.



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- The green fruit matures to yellow or red, and gives the plant its common name (although the flower appears in May; the 'apple' later).

### Interesting facts

- Like many plants, May Apples depend on *mycorrhizae* to assist with nutrient uptake.

- *Mycorrhizae* (meaning 'fungus roots') are a symbiotic (mutually beneficial) association of a fungus and the plant roots.
- May Apple is not native to NB, but is found nearby in other provinces and northeastern United States