

Mayapple (Podophyllum peltatum)

1.5' x 3-6'; spreads 6-12" a year, forms colonies.

CT native, found in woodlands, thickets, by river banks.

Showy pairs of 1' wide umbrella-like leaves, textured, deeply lobed, and toothed, joined part-way down on 1' light-green upright unbranching stems.

2" nodding cup-shaped fragrant waxy pearl-white solitary flowers, with 6-9 petals, almost hidden under joint of the paired leaves, in April or May.

2" fleshy yellow oval fruit ripens in August.

Part shade to shade; wet to dry, prefers moist well-drained humus-rich soil. Spreads freely in ideal conditions. Can go dormant in droughty summers. Very tough.

Among the first plants up in spring. Bold handsome naturalizing ground cover for woods, leafy areas, large areas, tough areas.

Attracts Queen Bees, and Box Turtles, as well as a few moths, including the White Slantline pictured just below on flower.

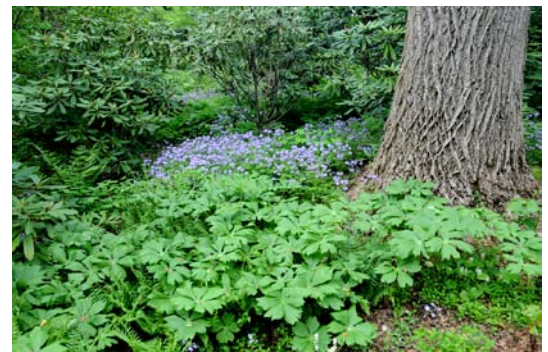


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