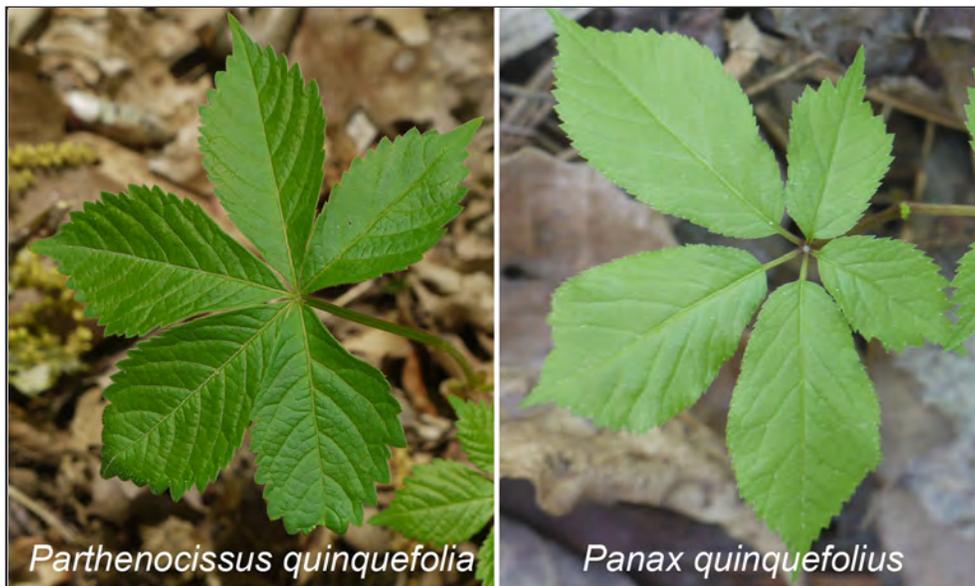


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Quinque-



Whenever I see the word fragment "quinque" in a plant's scientific name, I expect the plant to have some "five-ness" about it. For example, both Virginia creeper and Ginseng have leaves with five leaflets. The former's scientific name is *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* while the latter's is *Panax quinquefolius*.

When I identified a small flowering plant as Wood anemone, I was surprised to discover that its scientific name is *Anemone quinquefolia*. The species name *quinquefolia* (five-leaved) seemed to be in error because the plants I was seeing had three leaflets per leaf. Subsequently, I found photos of Wood anemone with both three leaflets and five leaflets. So "*quinquefolia*" is (sometimes) accurate after all.



Phytography



Tony Foster has created a tremendous resource for anyone interested in the meaning of botanical terms. Each day he posts a photo of a plant which illustrates one botanical term. For example, here's his [post about the word "obovoid."](#)

You can randomly choose a photo showing on the home page, or you can search for a specific term. The [Phytography website](#) also includes useful supplemental information.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



This one challenged a few people who came close by naming the correct genus (*Hypericum*). Jasmine correctly identified [Mystery Plant 071](#) as Golden St. Johnswort (*Hypericum frondosum*). Its golden blossoms are quite striking on a summer day.

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 072](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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