



# Identify that Plant

## *Dorsal*



You've probably heard the word "dorsal" before. It means the back side of a structure. With plants, dorsal means "pertaining to the back or outward surface of an organ in relation to the axis, as in the lower surface of a leaf." ([Plant Identification Terminology by James G. and Melinda Woolf Harris](#))

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## *Field Guides to Weeds*



Many plants (and wildflowers) are considered to be weeds -- growing someplace someone doesn't want or growing so prolifically they are viewed as a nuisance. And yet, for the person interested in figuring out a plant's name, it can be useful to look in a book or on a website featuring weed identification. Weeds have flowers, too.

Here are a few websites for identifying weeds:

- [Weed ID Guide](#)
- [Weed Science at the University of Illinois - Weed Identification](#)
- [UC - IPM Online Introduction to Weed Gallery](#)
- [Virginia Tech Weed Identification Guide](#)

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## *Mystery Plant Confirmed*



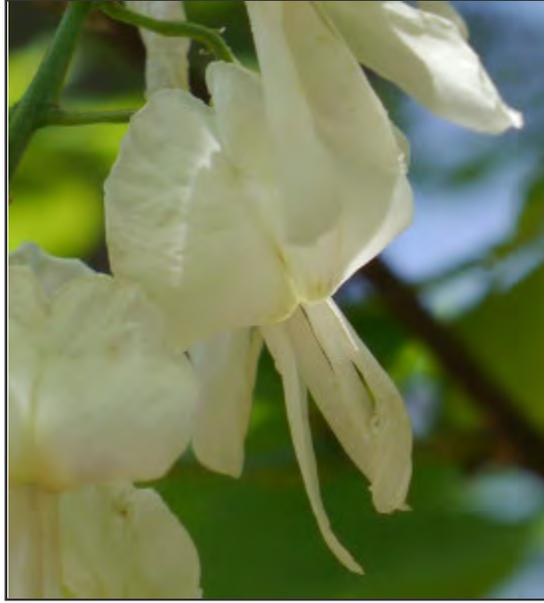
Jeff and Kristi got the common name while Norman Smith was the first to fully and correctly identify [Mystery Plant 085](#) as Black cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*). Despite the flower's aroma (rather smelly as it attracts flies for pollinators), I enjoy the lacking-in-petals flowers with their masses of white stamens.

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## *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](http://IdentifyThatPlant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 086](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

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*Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification*

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