



## *Rachis*



The first time I came across the word "rachis" was when I was learning terminology for ferns. Now I realize it has a broader application.



"Rachis" is the "main axis of a structure, such as a compound leaf or an inflorescence." ([Plant Identification Terminology](#) by James G. and Melinda Woolf Harris)



How to [pronounce "rachis."](#)

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## *Plantain*



There's a new plant portrait video posted. It's for English plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*). This plant has many uses including as a child's toy, a medicinal, and food. The [video takes you through one year](#) in the life cycle of English plantain. Did you know that it has two types of flowers?

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## *Mystery Plant Confirmed*



Joan, quickly followed by Rachel, commented with the correct answer about [Mystery Plant 067](#). It's Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*). Large groups of this plant are striking with their numerous spikes of white flowers in the spring.

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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](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 068](#). 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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