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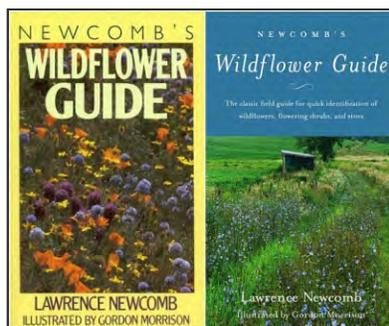


Marcescent means "withering but persistent, as the sepals and petals in some flowers or the leaves at the base of some plants" ([Plant Identification Terminology](#) by James G. and Melinda Woolf Harris). The above image shows the marcescent petals of a Pink lady's slipper -- hanging from the developing seed capsule.

Marcescent also refers to the brown leaves you might see on a tree during the winter season. Some trees -- such as an oak -- keep their dead leaves hanging on until the season of new leaf growth.



Newcomb's



The official title of this field guide is Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. The official subtitle is: "An Ingenious New Key System for Quick, Positive Field Identification of the Wildflowers, Flowering Shrubs and Vines of Northeastern and North-central North America." (Now, that's a mouthful!)

Newcomb's method of keying a plant definitely is different. It's also useful. Inevitably there are plants whose characteristics are unclear such that I might describe the plant -- according to Newcomb's key -- a bit differently than Newcomb does. However, I can usually find my unknown plant in this field guide.

The black and white line drawings are excellent and provide the confirmation needed for a particular plant identification.

Although it has been specifically designed for northeastern and north-central regions, Newcomb's Wildflower Guide works quite well in large portions of the southeast.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Jacob Glass was first to correctly identify [Mystery Plant 079](#) as Black raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*). There were some interesting stories, shared in the comments, about this plant. For me, it's a treat to find a wild patch of these ripe edible berries.

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 080](#). 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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