



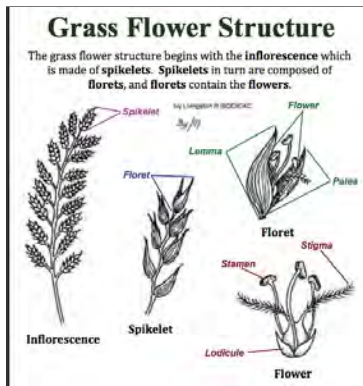
Compound



"Compound leaves" means that a leaf has multiple leaflets. There are primarily two types of compound leaves: pinnate and palmate. With a pinnate leaf, the leaflets are arranged along the length of a stalk (the rachis), as you can see in the above image of Elderberry.

A palmate compound leaf has leaflets which all arise from a single point at the end of the stalk (the peduncle). [Red buckeye](#) has palmate compound leaves.

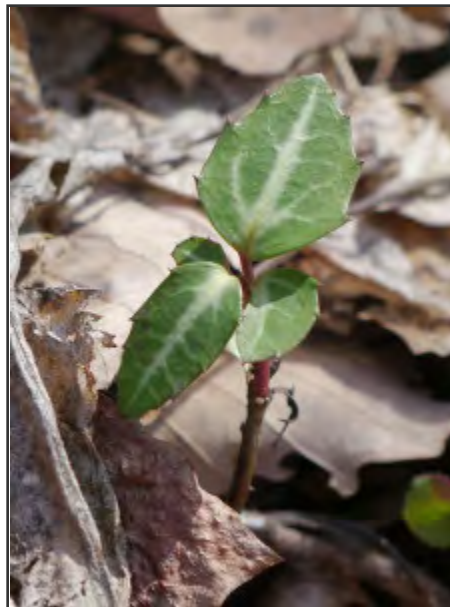
Identifying a Grass



Grasses and similar plants present a challenge in plant identification. Their identifying characteristics include things such as the ligule, sheath, auricle and spikelet. This downloadable 240-page guide for [Grasses and Grasslike Plants of Utah](#) includes an illustration and explanation of these terms.

Although there is no field guide key to the plants listed in the book, there are a glossary and index which accompany the many images and plant descriptions. It's worth looking through if you're searching for the name of a grass -- even grasses which may not be growing in Utah -- as this book could certainly point you in the direction of your unknown plant's genus.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Ann WF was first to correctly identify [Mystery Plant 078](#) with its scientific name of

Chimaphila maculata. The common name is Spotted wintergreen as noted by Joan. Although many people like to use the common name of "Pipsissewa" for this plant, according to the [wildflower.org website](http://wildflower.org): "A slightly taller relative, Pipsissewa (*C. umbellata*), has shiny, dark green leaves that lack the mottling." And, curiously, the plants.usda.gov website gives *C. maculata* the common name of "Striped prince's pine."

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 as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 079](#). 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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