

Common Shrubs, Herbs & Mosses of Nova Scotia

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Common Shrubs (Woody Stem)



Serviceberry

Veins fade before reaching teeth
Point, short buds



Wild Raisin

Opposite leaves
Long, brown bud



Blueberry

Alternate leaves close together



Honeysuckle

Opposite leaves
Stem ends with bud and not leaf



Lambkill

Whorled cluster of leaves
No teeth
Leaves have rounded tip
Leaves have long petiole



Striped Maple

Opposite leaves
Green striped bark
Big fat maple leaves



False Holly

Random assembly of leaves
Often tar spots on leaves
Blunt leaf tip

Common Herbs (Non-Woody Stem)



Wild lily-of-the-valley

Small
No teeth
Parallel veins



Starflower

Leaves of different sizes
Many veins curl towards tip



Bunchberry

Leaves all same size
Few veins
Veins parallel



Goldthread

Three mini leaves
Golden roots



Sarsaparilla

Stem splits in three
Many leaves



Partridgeberry

Opposite
Lighter green stripe in middle



Blue-Bead Lily

Long, inflated leaves
Veins opposite



Indian Pipe

Pipe shape
White when live
Black when dead



Wood-Sorrel

Three heart-shaped mini leaves
Delicate-looking



Violet

Heart-shaped single leaf



Wood Aster

Slight teeth
Veins few and almost parallel
Many leaves from central point



Dwarf Raspberry

Three leaves
Creeping plant
Pointy teeth



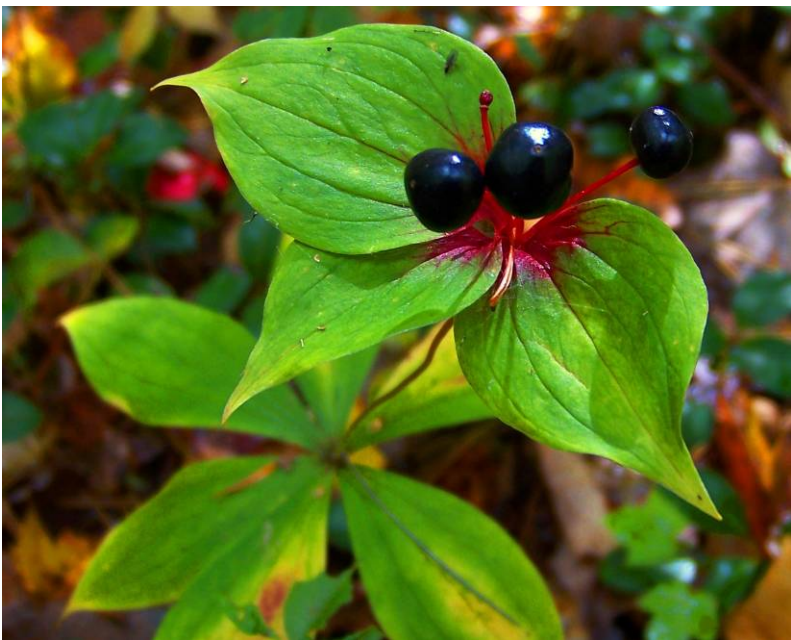
Twin Flower

Twin leaves (opposite)



Creeping Snowberry

Very small
Alternate leaves



Indian Cucumber-Root

Sometimes two stories
Leaves all the same
Veins parallel



Rosy Twisted Stalk

Horizontal stem
Veins alternate
Leaves clasping stem



Teaberry

Usually 3-5 shiny leaves
Mint smell inside leaves



Ground Pine

Looks like mini tree
Almost as wide as it is tall

Common Mosses & Lichens



Schreber's Moss

Longer than 1 inch
Reddish stem
Near-flat structure



Haircap Moss

Long pointy leaves
Tall moss



Stair-Step Moss

Has 1-7 flat steps



Hypnum Moss

Plain looking
Flat structure
Wraps around stumps, rocks



Broom Moss

Curled at top like an old broom



Wavy Moss

Leaves have waves



Plume Moss

Bright feather-like leaves



Fern Moss

Usually neon green colour
Long trailing stem
Usually on stumps and trees



Shaggy Moss

Not a flat structure
Round, bushy look
Likes rich soil



Pin Cushion Moss

Lighter green colour, almost white
Feels and looks like pin cushion



Bazzania Trilobata Liverwort

One fork
Fish-scale like structures
Covers rocks, stumps



Caribou Moss / Reindeer Lichen

Bright grey, yellow, white or green
Shape of antlers



Cup Lichen

Cup structures
Usually light grey or white



Sphagnum Moss

Round tuft on top
Wings all around
Always in wet places