

CROWFOOT FAMILY.

RANUNCULACEÆ

Goldthread.

Coptis trifolia.

Found during May in moist woods.

The root sends up flowers and leaves on stems from 3 to 5 inches high.

The leaf is compound with 3 small leaflets that are wedge-shaped, with notched margins, tough texture, and smooth, shining surface; it is set on a long slender stem. Evergreen, and of a dark green color.

The flower is small; of 5 or 7 narrow, tapering calyx-parts that are a fine silvery-white color. The true petals are inconspicuous and easily confused with the numerous stamens and pistils. The flower stem is long and slender.

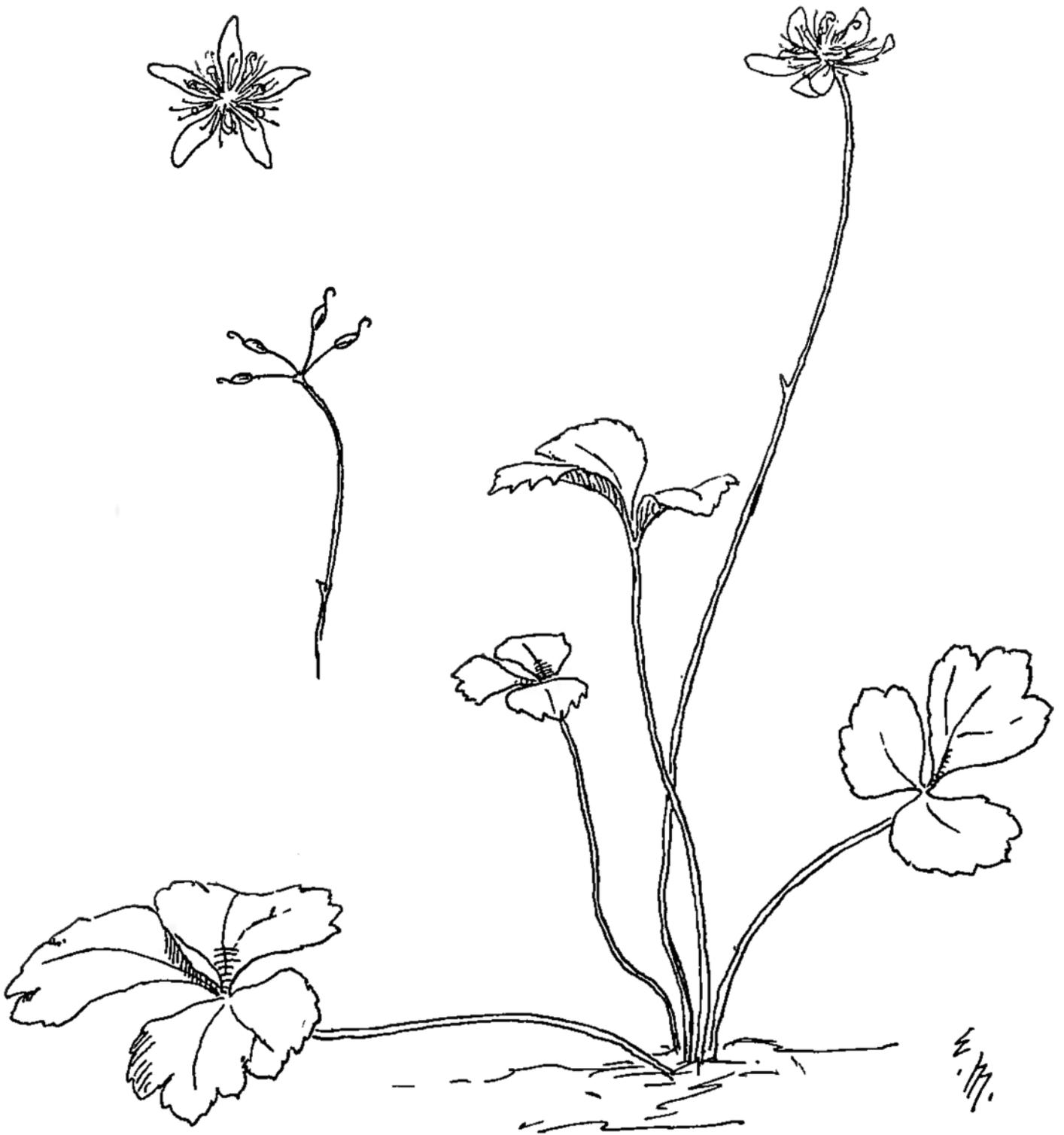
This has a shining flower and leaf. The bright yellow threadlike roots give it its common name.

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