

BUNCHFLOWER FAMILY

MELANTHIACEÆ



Nodding Trillium.
Wake Robin.
White Benjamin.

Trillium cernuum.

Found in moist woods and on shaded banks in May.

The single, rather large and smooth stalk grows from 8 to 14 or 15 inches in height. It is light green, or reddish near the foot.



The leaf is large, a broad diamond-shape with long-pointed tip; it has 3 strong ribs, a fine texture, and smooth surface; and it grows in a whorl of 3 upon the summit of the stalk. The color is a full, juicy green.

The flower is rather large; the 3 petals are tapering, recurved, and white; the alternating calyx-parts are light green; the 6 stamens are dull lavender,—the pistil 3-parted. The single flower, on its short stem, hangs under the leaves, which almost conceal it.



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Fruit in the fall



NODDING TRILLIUM: *Trillium cernuum*.

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