



Lily Family

LILIACEAE

Wild Oat. Sessile-leaved Bellwort.

Uvularia sessilifolia.

Found in May, in moist shade; in frequent neighborhood with the Bellwort.

The stalk, from 6 to 8 inches high, is very like its cousin Bellwort, but is more slender and bears a leaf beneath the fork of its branches; it is also greener in hue.

The oval, or long-pointed, entire, leaf is smooth above, and ridgy beneath. Of a beautiful light green color. The leaves are arranged in pairs at the flower, and alternately; they are half-clasping, and hang lightly.



Seed head of Wild Oat

The flower is smaller than the Perfoliate Bellwort blossom, and the 3-parted pale yellow pistil protrudes conspicuously. The color is pale straw-yellow. The bell hangs on a slender stem that springs from beneath a leaf, on the underside of the branch.

Seldom more than one of these shy bells is found hiding under a branch. Possibly the tips curve outward more than those of the Perfoliate Bellwort's flower.

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