

Mayapple, Ban kakri, Podophyllum Peltatum - Plant



Podophyllum peltatum, commonly called mayapple, is a rhizomatous.

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Description

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Podophyllum is an herbaceous perennial plant in the family Berberidaceae, described as a genus by Linnaeus in 1753. In the past, several species were included in the genus, but all but one have been transferred to other genera.

From a single stem, each plant features one or two, deeply-divided, palmately-lobed, umbrella-like, pale green leaves. Flowers are quite showy but usually hidden by the umbrella-like leaves. Each flower gives way to an edible, fleshy, greenish fruit.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
May-apple, American mandrake, wild mandrake, ground lemon	White	April	1 to 1.50 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Mayapples can either be grown from Rhizomes or from seeds. If growing from Rhizomes bury them about 3 cm deep. The seeds should be fresh and sown into flats, under glass, in a shaded part of the garden in august or September
Seeds can take from one to six months to germinate. Once you see seedlings let them grow for a year; transplant to individual pots and allow the Mayapple to grow for a further year, then transplant into the garden in spring or autumn.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Average, medium moisture, well-drained soil	Medium	-15 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Mayapple

- The ground that Podophyllum plants grow in should be mulched in spring (wood chips) and autumn (leaf mild) to protect the plant.
- As they like a moist soil they should be watered frequently.

- If you require more plants then they can be propagated by division once the plant has finished flowering.

Typical uses of Mayapple

Special features: Excellent for naturalizing in woodland settings, wild or native plant gardens. Because plants naturalize freely but go dormant in summer (foliage disappears), mayapple is not considered a good border plant.

Culinary use: NA

Ornamental use: The plant is used for an ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: Mayapple has been used by American Indians as an emetic, cathartic, and antihelmintic agent.

References

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Reviews

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