

Wild Leek (*Allium* spp.)



Notes:

There are two species of *Allium* in Indiana that look similar. Their common names are Narrowleaf Wild Leek and Ramp. Some authorities regard the Narrowleaf Wild Leek to be a subspecies of Ramp and give it the scientific name of *Allium tricoccum burdickii*. The USDA Plants Database considers these leeks as two separate species. This guide follows the USDA nomenclature.

Both species leaf out in the spring, but the leaves die back before the flowering stalk emerges. Sometimes the stalk with the berries will still be present when the leaves come out the next spring.

The plants are easy to distinguish when the leaves are out. *A. burdickii* leaves have green stems while *A. tricoccum* are reddish.

In flower, the flowerhead of *A. burdickii* has 10-18 flowers whereas *A. tricoccum* has 30-50. The stem of *A. burdickii* is green while *A. tricoccum* has some reddish to it.

Narrowleaf Wild Leek (<i>Allium burdickii</i>)	Ramp (<i>Allium tricoccum</i>)
	
Flowerhead has 10-18 flowers	Flowerhead has 30-50 flowers



Stem is green



Stem is reddish



Flowering stalk is green



Flowering stalk is reddish



Springtime leaves are sprouting while the fruiting stalks from last year are still present.

