

Star-of-Bethlehem



Vegetative plants. Key characteristics: the leaf blades are very dark glossy green, and have an indentation with a prominent white midvein.



Flowers are white and have six small petals.



Like wild garlic and wild onion, the plant regenerates from underground bulbs. Unlike wild garlic and wild onion, the bulbs of Star-of-Bethlehem do not contain an odor.

Life cycle: perennial.

Toxic Plant: Cattle, sheep, horses, and potentially any grazing animal may be poisoned by star-of-Bethlehem. All parts of the plant are toxic, especially the bulbs. Toxicity symptoms include stomach and intestinal irritation, abdominal pain, irregular heart rate and death, although rarely.

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