



Bakeapple

Rubus chamaemorus



Bakeapple/Cloudberry *Rubus chamaemorus*

General: A low, creeping perennial (5–25 cm) which dies back to the ground each winter. It has a simple, hairless un-branching stem.

Leaves & Twigs: Stem is simple, hairless and does not branch. Leaves are broad, leathery, long-stalked, round to kidney-shaped and indented forming three to five shallow lobes.

Flowers & Fruits: Five petalled white flowers (1-3 cm across) are either male or female with only one flower per plant. Only the female plant bears fruit; yellowish/amber berries which ripen in late July.

Habitat: Usually found with sphagnum moss or lichens in bogs and heaths. Found throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

Blooming Time: June

How to Observe: Select a typical patch of plants, if plants are very abundant mark off a one meter square patch of plants to observe.

First Bloom: When the flowers are open (stamens visible) in at least three places on the observed plants.

Mid Bloom: When half of the flowers are open on the observed plants.

Note: Bakeapple plants do not flower until about seven years after germination.