



## Labrador Tea

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**General:** This erect evergreen shrub grows up to 1m tall and often forms colonies.

**Leaves & Twigs:** Labrador tea leaves are leathery, narrow, oblong 2–5 cm long, with rusty matted hairs on the underside (new leaves have white hairs). New twigs are densely covered with brown hairs and old stems become reddish-brown to grey.

**Flowers & Fruits:** Five-petalled, white flowers, about one cm across, occur in rounded clusters at the branch tips.

**Habitat:** Common in open peatland dominated by sphagnum moss and open-canopy coniferous forest. Found in bogs, heaths and moist soils throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Blooming Time:** June

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

**First Bloom:** When the first flowers are open (stamens visible) in at least three places on the shrub or patch.

**Mid Bloom:** When half the flowers on the shrub or patch are open.