Bakeapple

*Rubus chamaemorus*
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**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.