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(*Phytolacca americana*)

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## Range of American Pokeweed in the United States and Canada.



Open Floodplain

## Habitat

American Pokeweed is found in open areas and thickets where it enjoys full sun or partial shade.

## Description

American Pokeweed is a perennial that grows from 4 to 10 feet tall. The alternate, simple, entire, lanceolate leaves can grow up to 16 inches in length and about 3-6 inches in width. The greenish-white flowers bloom from July to October.



## Alternative Names

Common Pokeweed,  
Pokeweed, Inkberry

Hardy in Zones: 4-8

## Taxonomy and Name

American Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*) was originally described and named by Carl von Linnæus in *Species Plantarum* (1753). It has kept the same name since. It is a member of the Pokeweed Family (Phytolaccaceae).



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