

Leafy Spurge



Foliage. Key characteristics: leaves are arranged alternately along the stems and are linear in shape. Stems appear in clusters and contain a milky sap.



Fruiting structures. Key characteristics: Greenish-yellow fruit occurs in umbel-like clusters in the terminal portions of the plant.

Life cycle: perennial.

Toxic Plant: any animal consuming spurge or coming in contact with the sap may be affected. Although spurges are not considered to be palatable, all parts of the plant are toxic. Symptoms of poisoning include irritation to the gastrointestinal tract, dermal and eye irritation, lack of performance and weakness.

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