

Learning in the Leaves

Clovers



Distinguishing Features

- Each stem has three small leaves (or leaflets) that are petal shaped and have a white "v" or crescent on each leaf, and are about a half inch long.
- White clover will usually bloom between early spring and late fall. The flowers are very small and are white or light pink. The small blooms form a spherical cluster that looks like a small ball of white petals.
- Clover is a low growing plant and the stems creep along the top surface, although the stems that branch off can reach up to a foot tall.
- They have a shallow root system and don't tolerate drought conditions well.

Interesting Facts

The four leaves of four-leaf clovers are said to stand for faith, hope, love, and luck. Four-leaf clovers were considered Celtic charms and were believed to offer magical protection and ward of bad luck. For every "lucky" four-leaf clover there are approximately 10,000 three-leaf clovers. It is edible and has been used in medicines.