

# PYROLACEAE – SHINLEAF FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs

**Stem:** rhizomes

**Root:**

**Leaves:** evergreen, alternate, opposite or whorled, may be reduced; no stipules

**Flowers:** perfect; sepals and petals mostly 5 (4); stamens 8 or 10; ovary superior, 4-5 carpels, 1 style, 1 stigma

**Fruit:** capsule, seeds very small

**Other:** Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 3+ genera

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# Striped Prince's Pine [Spotted Wintergreen or Pipsissewa]



*Chimaphila maculata* (L.) Pursh  
Pyrolaceae (Shinleaf Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: 5-petaled flower, white, waxy; leaves serrate, evergreen, lanceolate, tends to be rounded to gently tapering at base, with white striping along midrib and some on lateral veins; woods; late spring to summer

[V Max Brown, 2009]



# Pipsissewa [Prince's Pine]

*Chimaphila umbellata* (L.) W. Bart. ssp.

*cisatlantica* (S.F. Blake) Hultén

Pyrolaceae (Shinleaf Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: 5-petaled flower, white (to pinkish), waxy; leaves serrate, evergreen, wider beyond middle, narrowing toward base, sub-whorled, no white markings, from rhizomes; often forms mats;

woods; summer

[V Max Brown, 2007]



# Green Flowered Wintergreen

*Pyrola chlorantha* Sw.

Pyrolaceae (Shinleaf Family)

Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Notes: 5-petaled nodding flower, pale yellow to greenish white, on terminal raceme; leaves ovate with truncated base, thick leathery, usually shorter than petiole; lower elevations to subalpine; mostly forested areas; summer

[V Max Brown, 2012]



# Elliptical-Leaved [Waxflower] Shinleaf



*Pyrola elliptica* Nutt.

Pyrolaceae (Shinleaf Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas  
County, Ohio

Notes: 5-petaled nodding flower, white, on  
terminal raceme; leaves elliptical, petiole  
shorter than leaf blade; sandy woods;  
summer

[V Max Brown, 2008]

