

## MONOTROPACEAE – INDIAN PIPE FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs; fleshy saprophyte and usually non-green

**Stem:**

**Root:**

**Leaves:** scaly (reduced), alternate, sessile, simple, entire

**Flowers:** perfect, regular (actinomorphic); (2)4-6 sepals and (3)5(6) separate petals or fused or absent; 6-12 stamens; ovary superior, many ovules

**Fruit:** berry or capsule, many seeds

**Other:** Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 10+ genera; locally *Monotropa* (indian pipe)

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Monotropaceae (Indian Pipe Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: saprophyte; 4-8 petaled solitary flower, mostly white (pink) until old, turns upward in fruit; leaves much reduced to scales; oak woods mostly; summer to fall

[V Max Brown, 2006]

