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Macleaya cordata

[Synonyms : *Bocconia cordata*, *Bocconia cordata* var. *thunbergii*, *Bocconia japonica*, *Bocconia jodoensis*, *Macleaya cordata* var. *yedoensis*, *Macleaya japonica*, *Macleaya x kewensis*, *Macleaya yedoensis*, *Marzaria cordata*]

PLUME POPPY is a perennial. Native to China and Japan it has small, soft pearly-cream to brown flowers and prominently orange-veined, greeny-bronze leaves.

It is also known as *Federmohn* (German), Five-seeded plume poppy, *Hybridvippvallmo* (Swedish), *Macleaya*, *Storfruktig vippvallmo* (Swedish), Tree celandine, and *Vippvallmo* (Swedish).

Warning – the skin can be stained orange from contact with either the liquid in the root or the juice in the leaf stems.

Cordata is derived from Greek *cordi-* (heart) meaning ‘heart-shaped’ with reference to the leaves.

The Chinese use the sap as a dye.

The yellow sap from the leaf stems can be used to treat insect bites.