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Peltandra virginica

[Synonyms : *Arum virginicum*, *Peltandra tharpai*, *Peltandra undulata*]

ARROW ARUM is a perennial. Native to eastern North America it has a darkish green flower spike (spadix) shielded by a petal-like green leaf (spathe).

It is also known as Arrowleaf, Arrow weed, Bitter herb, Breadroot, Cruel-man-of-the-woods, Duck corn, Green arrow arum, Green-arum, Green water arum, Hog-wampee, Poison arum, Taw-ho, Tawkee, Tuckahoe, Tuckahoe bread, Tuckahoo, Virginian tuckahoe, and Virginia wakerobin.

Virginica means 'of or from Virginia (United States)' which itself was named after the English 'Virgin Queen' Elizabeth I (1533-1603).

Local North American Indian tribes such as the Seminole Indians dug up the underground stem and roasted it for food. Sometimes it was roasted for a couple of days and then dried and ground for meal. The boiled flower spike and the fruit were considered to be delicacies.