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*Pyrola rotundifolia*

[Synonyms : *Pyrola americana*, *Thelaia rotundifolia*]

**ROUND-LEAVED WINTERGREEN** is an evergreen perennial. Found in Europe and North America it has fragrant pure white flowers.

It is also known as American wintergreen, Canker leek, Canker lettuce, Coffee leaf, Consumption root, Consumption weed, Copalm, Copper leaf, Dollar leaf, False wintergreen, *Hruštička okrouhlostá* (Czech), *Hruštička okrúhlostá* (Slovak), Indian lettuce, Large wintergreen, Larger wintergreen, Lettuce, Liverwort, Liverwort lettuce, Moose-mise, Pear-leaved wintergreen, *Pyrole à feuilles rondes* (French), Round-leaved American wintergreen, Round-leaved pyrola, *Rundblättriges Wintergrün* (German), Shinleaf, *Vintergröna* (Swedish), *Vitpyrola* (Swedish), Wild lettuce, Wild lily-of-the-valley, and Wintergreen.

Round-leaved wintergreen is a protected plant in the Republic of Ireland under the Flora Protection Order 1987.

*Rotundifolia* is Latin *rotunda* (round, circular) and *-folia* (leaved) components meaning 'rounded-leaved'.

Before setting out hunters in part of the North American Chippewa tribe used to drink a leaf tea for good luck.

Records note that sticks of round-leaved wintergreen were put on sores and wounds by the Cherokee North American Indians as they believed this would help the healing process. Some authorities note that the plant is an ingredient used by both the food and cosmetics industries today.

Medicinally, herbalists used to recommend the plant for treating skin diseases, epilepsy and nervous disorders. Round-leaved wintergreen is used today in homoeopathy.