

Poisonous Plants in Virginia

Poison Ivy

- Poison Ivy grows from a “hairy” vine and may be found on trees/ bushes or on the ground
- Oily sap from leaves can cause severe rashes
- If you think you have come in contact, wash with water/soap within 10-20 minutes



Poison ivy



The Virginia Creeper looks similar but has 5 leaves

Remember this rule: Leaves of three, let it be !



Poison oak



Poison Oak

- Very similar to Poison Ivy



An extremely bad reaction to poison oak !!

Poison Sumac

- Grows as a tree or may look like a bush
- Has distinctive “bumpy” bark with periodic smooth “triangles”
- Branches are often “furry” and reddish when young, leaves can turn red in Fall
- Not common around Charlottesville (we have mostly non-poisonous Sumac)



Poison sumac



Bumpy Sumac bark with “triangles”

Sumac leaves



Mushrooms

- Never eat mushrooms growing in the wild – they can make you extremely sick

