Plant ID for beginners – a new method

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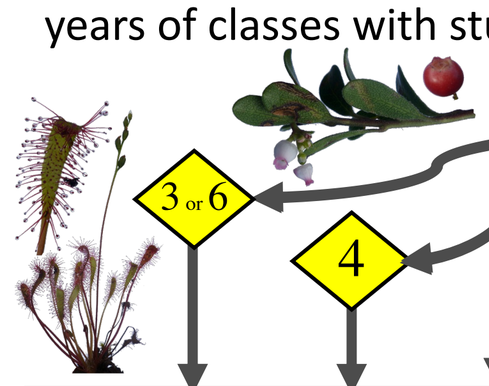
How best do we start total beginners on the path to becoming good at plant ID? With ~1700 native species, over 500 common aliens and ~3000 more rare aliens, their task seems daunting. However, if they can correctly determine the family, the task immediately becomes more manageable, and the beginner may ID their plant by simply going through images in a book. But how are they to determine the family? To solve this problem I have developed the method presented here, tested and refined over 15 years of classes with students and the public.