



Plants that look like Solomon's-seal

Genus Key			Species	Stem Branching	Stem Direction	Leaf Base	Leaf Margin	Lower Leaf Surface	Inflorescence	Habitat		
Fruit a capsule	Bellwort <i>Uvularia</i>		Yellow Bellwort <i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	Branched when fertile	Zig-Zag	Perfoliate	Entire	Scattered Hairs	One to few, appearing sub-axillary	Common in Mesic Hardwood forests, and occasional in Dry-Mesic Pine/Oak forests. Well to somewhat poorly drained, fine textured soils on till.		
			Pale Bellwort <i>Uvularia sessilifolia</i>	Branched when fertile	Zig-Zag	Sessile	Entire	Glabrous	One to few, appearing sub-axillary	Common in Mesic Hardwood forests, and occasional in Dry-Mesic Pine/Oak forests. Well to moderately well drained, loamy to sandy soils on any landform.		
Fruit a berry	Inflorescence axillary	Leaf margins ciliate with stiff hairs	Twisted Stalk <i>Streptopus roseus</i>	Branched when fertile	Zig-Zag	Sessile	Ciliate	Glabrous	Solitary in axils	Common in Mesic Hardwood forests, and occasional in Dry-Mesic Pine/Oak forests. Well to somewhat poorly drained soils of any texture and landform.		
		Twisted stalk <i>Streptopus</i>	Hairy Solomon's-seal <i>Polygonatum pubescens</i>	Never	Zig-Zag	Sessile	Entire	Hairs on veins only	Typically paired (1-4) in axils	Infrequent in Mesic Hardwood forests. Well to moderately well drained, loamy to fine-sandy texture soils on any landform.		
	Inflorescence terminal	Leaf margins entire		Solomon's-seal <i>Polygonatum</i>	Giant Solomon's-seal <i>Polygonatum commutatum</i>	Never	Straight	Clasping	Entire/Incurved	Glabrous	Typically paired (1-3) in axils	Rare in Mesic Hardwood forests. Well to somewhat poorly drained fine-textured soils on till.
				Racemose false Solomon's-seal <i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	Never	Straight	Petiolate	Entire	Scattered Hairs	Panicle with flowers	Occasional in Mesic Hardwood forests, rare in Dry-Mesic Pine/Oak forests. Well to moderately well drained soils on till.	
				Starry false Solomon's-seal <i>Smilacina stellata</i>	Never	Straight	Clasping	Entire	Sparse hairs	Nearly sessile raceme with few to several flowers	Infrequent in Dry Pine/Oak Woodlands and openings. Somewhat excessively to well drained sandy soils.	
				Three-leaved false Solomon's-seal <i>Smilacina trifolia</i>	Never	Straight	Clasping	Entire	Glabrous	Long-peduncled raceme with usually 3-8 flowers	Common in Minerotrophic Swamps and occasional in Black Spruce Bogs. Poorly drained organic peats derived from <i>Sphagnum</i> moss.	
				False Solomon's-seal <i>Smilacina</i>								