

# *Polygonatum biflorum*

## Solomon's Seal



The zigzag arching stalks are from 1-5 ft. long. Nodding, greenish-white, tubular flowers hang in pairs from the axils of the oval, conspicuously veined leaves. Hanging from the leaf axils on an arching stem are a few (often 2) greenish-white, bell-like flowers. Blue berries follow the flowers of this perennial. The root is rhizomatous but non-colonizing.

Although the dangling, tubular white flowers and following black seed pods are charming, it's the arching stems and foliage that make *Polygonatum* such a favorite in shade gardens and woodland settings. Once established, *Polygonatum* slowly spreads out and creates a nodding blanket of foliage that turns a golden yellow in autumn. The genus name *biflorum* refers to the fact that the flowers grow in pairs along the leaf axils.

Solomon's Seal is an elegant native plant. More mature plants tend to have more flowers and are a bit showier. The plant form makes Solomon's Seal an interesting plant. They are easy growers, but somewhat slow to become established. Solomon's Seal is deer resistant. Solomon's Seal looks best when allowed to naturalize in a woodland setting.

Height: 1' – 3'    Spread: 1' 1 ½'