

the ZANFEL ZONE

Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

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Welcome back to the Zanafel Zone! Spring is here and poison ivy, oak and sumac have reappeared in our yards, parks, and gardens. We would like to help you be prepared for poison ivy, oak, and sumac season.

Late Start To Poison Ivy Season

In many parts of the country, April and early May were colder than normal. This led to a 2 – 3 week delay in the emergence of poison ivy leaves from winter dormancy. In the series of pictures below, we have shown the stages of “bud break” for the eastern poison ivy plant, (*Toxicodendron radicans*).



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is June 1 – 7, 2014**

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Poison Ivy Identification Week is a week to proactively learn how to identify poison ivy, in order to protect yourself and your family members.

Please check out the poison ivy identification tutorial at the bottom of the event web page:

<http://idontwantpoisonivy.com/poison-ivy-identification-week>

More great resources on identification of poison ivy, oak, and sumac:

<http://www.zanafel.com/help/educational.html>

Zanafel Sponsors the 2nd Annual Philadelphia Poison Ivy Conference

Zanafel Laboratories was proud to sponsor and attend the 2014 Philadelphia Poison Ivy Conference. The event took place March 28-30 at historic Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia.

Attendees learned about identification of poison ivy, poison ivy plant removal techniques, new poison ivy plant terminology, new poison ivy plant research, and participated in the removal of two mature poison ivy plants from the garden grounds.

Zanafel wishes to thank Umar Mycka, Poison Ivy Horticulturalist, for producing a successful, one of a kind event where we discovered valuable information about the nature of poison ivy.

2014 Poison Ivy Citizen Scientist Project

Now that you have the tools to identify poison ivy, you might consider becoming a “Poison Ivy Citizen Scientist”.

Virginia Tech Professor, John Jelesko, has set up a Poison Ivy Citizen Scientist network in order to collect poison ivy scientific data from across the US. He and his team want to collect text and image data from as many citizen scientists (defined as anyone interested in collecting and transmitting poison ivy data to Dr. Jelesko’s lab). These findings will hopefully lead to new insights into poison ivy ecology, biogeography, and future novel poison ivy management methods. None of the requested data requires touching a poison ivy plant, and you are strongly discouraged from touching any plant.

2014 Data Collection Projects include:

- General poison ivy observations (year round)
- Breaking winter dormancy dates
- Flower bloom dates

Please visit the Poison Ivy Citizen Scientist website:

<http://www.poisonivyresearch.ppws.vt.edu/>

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