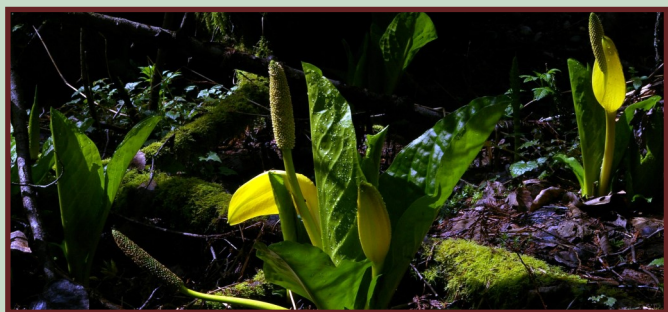
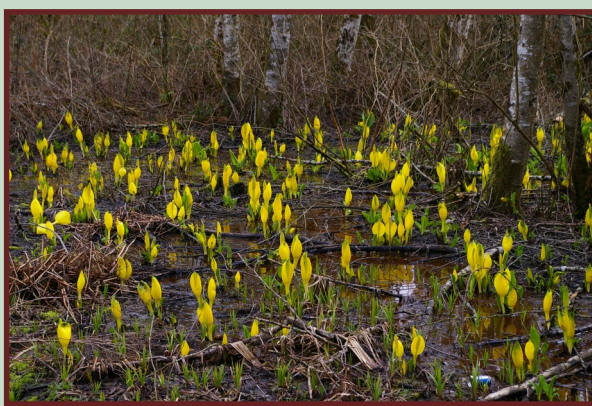
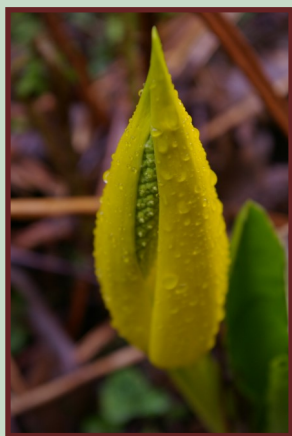


Skunk Cabbage



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PNW Native Plant

Lysichiton americanum

Also known as swamp lantern, due to the fact you only find them in swamps or wetlands. They look like yellow lanterns!

SWAMP LANTERN

Cultural Uses

This useful leaf is traditionally used as a container for many things, like wax paper that we use today. The very large leaves of the swamp lantern can be used for wrapping food, for instance when cooking salmon. Traditionally the roots and new shoots were used as famine food, only when there weren't a lot of other options

General

Robust, hairless perennial from fleshy, upright underground stems with a spunky odor that gives them away before you even see them. Leaves are large, thin and taper down to winged stalks. The flowers are greenish yellow and hooded with a yellow bract.

SHADE TO PART SUN

VERY WET SOILS

ECOLOGY

Swamps, fens, wet forest, much seepage areas, wet meadows, from low to middle elevations