

# Western Anemone

*Anemone occidentalis*



## Budding:

- When budding, this is a small plant with a fuzzy, bulbous top
- This is one of the first species to emerge in spring with buds often close to snow



## Flowering:

- 6-7 petal-like white sepals with many yellow stamens and many yellow-green pistils in the center
- Flower head is heliotropic, meaning it follows the sun – sometimes you can see insects warming themselves on the flower



## Ripening Fruit:

- The plant looks like a “mop top” or “mouse on a stick” (or a truffula tree from Dr. Seuss!)
- Once the petals fall off, each “hair” starts small at 0.4 in (~1cm) and develops to nearly 2 inches (5 cm)
- Each “hair” of the mop has one seed at the bottom



## Releasing Seed:

- When the fruits/seeds or “hairs” start to fall off, the plant is releasing its’ seeds.
- When this occurs, the bare yellow stalk shows below the “hair”