

Asarum canadense - Plant



Wild Ginger *Asarum acuminatum*, *Asarum canadense* var. *acuminatum*

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Description *Asarum* plants are generally slow to get established but once they take hold they will spread by rhizomes just below the soil surface to create a beautiful, ground covering carpet. Most *Asarum* species are evergreen, but a few species like *Asarum canadense* are deciduous.

Common name: Wild Ginger *Asarum acuminatum*, *Asarum canadense* var. *acuminatum*

Color: greenish-purple flowers

Bloom time: April to May

Height: 0.50 to 1.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

Wild Ginger plants should be grown in a site with light to deep shade, but they will appreciate a little morning sun. *Asarums* are sometimes capable live in poor, dry soil but the result will be very unsatisfactory. For *Gingers* to thrive, they should be planted in moist, humus rich, slightly acidic, well-drained soil. Add plenty of compost and fallen conifer needles (if available) to the soil at planting time.

Sunlight: Part shade to full shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium to wet

Temperature: 40°F.

Fertilizer: Apply for organic fertilizer

Care:

- Panda Face Ginger is a fairly rare, clump forming species from China that grows to about 6" tall and a foot wide.
- Their shiny, heart shaped, 3" leaves are dark green with silvery-green marbling.
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The velvety, 2"-2½" flowers of the Panda Face are fleshy, white trumpets bordered with a wide band of dark purple or black, and often remain un-noticed as they peak out from beneath the foliage, unless you are willing to get down on your knees.

- Panda Face Ginger is an awesome addition to any shade garden.

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Special Feature:

This is a first-rate groundcover plant for shady areas, native to the woodlands of Eastern North America. It forms a solid patch of downy green kidney-shaped leaves, with ground-hugging brown flowers hiding beneath.

Use

Medicinal use:

- It affords a striking exception to the rule, that botanical affinities are capable of indicating the medicinal qualities of vegetables.

Culinary use:

- Vegetables

Ornamental use:

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- 50 to 1.
- 00 feet Spread: 1.
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- 50 feet Bloom Time: April to May Bloom Description: Purplish brown Sun: Part shade to full shade Water: Medium to wet Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Ground Cover, Naturalize, Rain Garden Flower: Insignificant Tolerate: Deer, Heavy Shade, Erosion, Wet Soil Garden locations Culture Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil, in part shade to full shade.
- Prefers constantly moist, acidic soils in heavy shade.
- Spreads slowly by rhizomes to form an attractive ground cover for shade areas.
- Noteworthy Characteristics Asarum canadense, commonly called wild ginger, is a Missouri native spring wildflower which occurs in rich woods and wooded slopes throughout the State.
- Basically a stemless plant which features two downy, heart-shaped to kidney-shaped, handsomely veined, dark green, basal leaves (to 6" wide).
- Cup-shaped, purplish brown flowers (1" wide) appear in spring on short, ground-level stems arising from the crotch between the two basal leaves.
- Flowers are quite attractive on close inspection, but bloom singly on or near the ground and are usually hidden from view by the foliage.
- Although not related to culinary ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), the roots of this plant produce a scent that is reminiscent thereof.
- Fresh or dried roots were used by early Americans as a ginger substitute, but the plant is not normally used today for culinary purposes.
- Genus name comes from the Latin and Greek name.
- Specific epithet means of Canada but also used to cover north-eastern U.
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- by early writers.
- Problems No serious insect or disease problems.
- Slugs and snails can be occasional problems.
- Garden Uses Usually grown as a ground cover in shady areas.
- Woodland gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas.
- Also may be used for edging.

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Note:

for medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

Reference:

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