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# Asarum canadense

## Wild Ginger



Glossy heart-shaped leaves create a rich texture when grown in colonies. Look closely for the unusual flowers tucked beneath the leaves. A very effective and striking groundcover that spreads rapidly. Plants establish rapidly in loose, rich, organic soils. Moisture and shade are essential. Usually found in rich moist, deciduous woods.

**Suggested Companions:** cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 4-10" H  
W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Exposure: shade  
filtered

Flower Color:  
Brown  
Purple

Plant in:

Groundcover: Yes

Bloom Time:  
May

Other Attributes:  
Fragrant