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).

Photo Credit: Wisconsin State Herbarium, by Dennis W. Woodland