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Chelone glabra

White Turtlehead



A great plant for moist spots, with white flowers (often tinged purple) shaped like the heads of turtles above dark green foliage. Will thrive planted in wet meadows, or next to streams or ponds, but also does fine in ordinary garden soil as long as it doesn't get too dry. Self-seeds.

Suggested companions: swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1-6' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
July
August
September

Other Attributes:
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Shrubby Wetland
Streamside
Lake / Pond Shores
Forested Wetland
Wet Meadow

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No