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Claytonia virginica

Spring Beauty



Charming, delicate, 5-petaled pink or white flowers, striped in darker pink. Narrow, grassy foliage. Forms huge colonies in moist woods, carpets of pale pink in the spring. Never overwhelms other plants. In the heat of mid-summer, it becomes dormant, disappearing until the following spring. Grows from a small, edible tuber. Self-sows.

Suggested companions: Under deciduous trees, with other spring wildflowers, like rue anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*), and foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*), which blooms later, and remains green all summer. Lovely intermixed in drifts with Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 2-6" H
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Forested Upland
Woodland Margin

Soil: Rich Moist
Average Garden Soil
Clay

Exposure: filtered
shade

Flower Color:

Pink
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

April

Other Attributes:

Edible tuber