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Impatiens capensis

Spotted Touch-Me-Not



Also called jewelweed. A woodland annual with pale green, succulent, translucent stems and dangling, orange flowers, spotted with crimson. A favorite of hummingbirds. Seed capsules explode when touched. Self-seeds very vigorously; use with caution in the garden.

Suggested companions: sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), interrupted fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*). These are all vigorous spreaders that could be used as a cool, green woodland carpet. The orange flowers contrast nicely with the purple of blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*) or southern blue flag iris (*Iris virginica*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower
Size: 2-3' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Swamp/ Bog
Woodland Margin
Lake Shores
Streamside

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: filtered
shade

Flower Color:
Orange
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
July
August
September

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting
Bird attracting