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Phytolacca americana

Pokeweed



A beautiful plant that can become a troublesome weed. Tall, with thick, red stems, racemes of white flowers, and beautiful, arching clusters of purple-black berries. Use with caution; this plant spreads aggressively. Poisonous berries and roots.

Suggested companions: Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

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Plant Type: Wildflower
Size: 4-7' H
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
July
August
September

Other Attributes:
Deer resistant
Bird attracting
Fall color