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GOATSBEARD

Aruncus dioicus

A handsome perennial with creamy white flower plumes that brightens shady spots. Becomes shrublike over time and is a great plant for the back of the garden.

Growing Information

Sunlight	Part sun to full shade; full sun if soil is kept moist
Soil Type	Moist, fertile
Height	4–6'
Deer resistant	
Flowering calendar	Late spring/early summer

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	No
Flowers	Attracts bees, butterflies, and moths
Fruit	No
Seeds	No
Host to no caterpillar species	

Benefits for People

- Low maintenance
- The blooms last for a long time and make excellent cut flowers
- Wabanakis used the roots and leaves for medicinal purposes

Natural Habitat

- Moist woodlands

