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CANADA WILD GINGER

Asarum canadense

Fantastic groundcover for shade and woodland gardens! A slow spreader, via rhizomes, each plant consists of two heart-shaped velvety leaves. A great alternative to its non-native counterpart, European Ginger.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Great food source for early pollinators
- Seeds are dispersed by *Aphaenogaster rudis* ants in return for the lipid-rich coating

Host to 2 caterpillar species:
(common names) Pipevine Swallowtail; Bold-feathered Grass Moth

Benefits for People

- Root used as a ginger substitute
- Unique sweet-smelling flowers
- Tolerant to deer browsing and erosion

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full to part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	High organic material, loam/clay, moist, well-drained, acidic-neutral
<i>Height</i>	6-12"
<i>Width</i>	12-18"
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May to June

Natural Habitat

- Woodlands

