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DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES

Dicentra cucullaria

A standout in a shade or woodland garden, has a short presence but a lasting impact! Its name stems from its lovely, small white flowers which resemble pantaloons of an upside down Dutchman.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Queen bumblebees pry open flowers and drink the nectar with their long tongues
- Ants disperse seeds in return for nutritious coating
- Woodland voles snack on roots
- Host plant of the Scripted Arches Moth, *Mamestra curialis*

Benefits for People

- Interesting foliage and unique flowers
- Great alternative to non-native bleeding hearts

Growing Information

Sunlight Part sun

Soil Type High organic material, well-drained, acidic-neutral

Height 4-10"

Width 6-12"

Flowering calendar May to June

Natural Habitat

- Woodlands, ravines



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