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# DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES

*Dicentra cucullaria*

A standout in a shade or woodland garden, *Dicentra cucullaria* has a short presence but lasting impact! Its name stems from its lovely small white flowers which resemble pantaloons of an upside down Dutchman. (Great alternative to non-native bleeding hearts.)

## Growing Information

**Sunlight** Part shade, part sun  
**Soil Type** High organic material, sand/loam/clay, dry, moist, well-drained, acidic-neutral  
**Height** 4-10"  
**Flowering calendar** May-June

## For People

Poisonous

## Natural Habitat

Woodlands, ravines

## Benefits for Wildlife

**Leaves**  
**Flowers** Yes, pollinators  
**Fruit**  
**Seeds**  
**Host to 1 caterpillar species**  
(common name): Scripted Arches Moth

