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WILD GINGER

Asarum canadense

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

Growing Information

Sunlight	Part shade, shade
Soil Type	High organic material, loam/clay, moist, well-drained, acidic-neutral
Height	6"-1'
Flowering calendar	May-June

Benefits for People

Root used as ginger substitute

Natural Habitat

Woodlands

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes, caterpillars
Flowers	Yes, early pollinators
Fruit	No
Seeds	
Host to 2 caterpillar species (common names):	Pipeline Swallowtail Butterfly; Bold-feathered Grass Moth

