

The TJ PTO Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

General Plant Information:

These 4 species will work together nicely in partial shade with moist soil. If there is more sun, the Golden Alexander and Columbine become the workhorse favorites, they are fabulous together. Moist areas that are shadier will allow Foamflower to thrive. Jacob's Ladder is the "everywhere plant" as long as the soil does not dry out in full sun. They are all exceptionally easy to grow if given the right spot.

Detailed Plant Information and Descriptions



Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*):

Dry to moist soil, sun to shade, 1-2 ft tall,. Red and yellow blooms in April-May. Deer resistant. Our native columbine is a graceful, low growing beauty. The drooping bell-like flowers provide nectar for hummingbirds, early native bees and butterflies. It is a gentle self seeder that is a lovely addition to flower beds and can also be used in containers.



Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*):

Moist soil, sun to shade, 1-1.5 ft tall. Blue blooms in April-May. Deer resistant. Clustered light blue flowers float above the foliage for about 3 weeks in spring. Best in partial shade, needs more moisture as sun exposure increases, it makes a lovely ground cover and is a wonderful alternative to exotic, invasive Vinca minor (periwinkle).



Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

Dry to moist soil, part shade to shade, 1/2 to 1 ft tall. White blooms in April-May. Deer resistant. Heartleaf foamflower, true to its name, has 8-10 " spikes of delicate bottlebrush like pale pink to white flowers. Benefits many pollinators. Attractive low growing foliage through the growing season.



Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

Dry to moist soil, Sun to Part Shade, 1-2 ft tall. Yellow blooms in May-June. Deer resistant. Golden Alexander has long been a favorite, easy to grow spring bloomer. With a neat habit, pretty serrated, divided green leaves and showy yellow umbel type flowers in late spring. It likes full sun but will thrive in light shade. Attracts pollinators and is a host plant for the black swallowtail butterfly.