

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



## ***Heuchera richardsonii* - Alumroot**

COMMON NAME: Alumroot

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Heuchera richardsonii* – This name honors two early botanists. Johann Heinrich von Heucher (1677-1747) was a botanist and a professor of medicine in Wittenberg, Germany. Sir John Richardson (1787-1865) was a Scottish naturalist who explored boreal and arctic North America and is credited with identifying this plant.

FLOWER: Very small with several drooping blossoms on long stems. They are greenish-white or yellow.

BLOOMING PERIOD: May to July

SIZE: Leaves are 6 inches or less high, but the flower stalks may be 1 to 3 feet in height.

BEHAVIOR: The roots are rather shallow. Clumps can be divided in early spring every 3-4 years.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Alumroot is found most commonly on woody hillsides or cedar glades with full sun or partial shade. It likes a moist soil and needs the high light.

NATURAL RANGE: Most of the central part of the U.S. from Indiana to Colorado and Oklahoma. Also much of southern Canada from Ontario westward. Alumroot is found in all of Wisconsin except for the far northern counties.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The round or heart-shaped leaves form a rosette about 3-5 inches across with the fuzzy stem rising from the center. It is quite an attractive little plant.

SUGGESTED CARE: Little care is needed once established.

COMPANION PLANTS: This plant is not very selective about its companions!!