

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Thalictrum dioicum* – Early Meadowrue**

COMMON NAME: Early Meadowrue

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Thalictrum dioicum* – comes from a Greek word *thalictron* describing plants with deeply divided leaves, and *dioicum* because male and female flowers appear on separate plants.

FLOWER: Pollen-bearing plants have small yellow-green flowers and fruit-bearing plants have tiny gray-green flowers.

BLOOMING PERIOD: late April to mid May

SIZE: 12 to 28 inches tall

BEHAVIOR: Good non-invasive filler around ephemerals and other small spring flowers. Readily self sows.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: North-facing shady slopes, ravines and ledges near outcroppings of limestone.

NATURAL RANGE: Most of Wisconsin. Southern Ontario west to Minnesota and North Dakota, south to Georgia, Alabama and Missouri.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Leaves are long-stalked, lacy and delicate looking. Male flowers have yellow-purplish dangling stamens; female flowers look like tiny, gray-green threads.

SUGGESTED CARE: Very little care is needed. Persists well. Water well until established.

COMPANION PLANTS: Sugar maple, white ash, hop hornbeam, red oak, basswood and elm trees. Elderberry, Virginia creeper, white baneberry, toothwort, Dutchman's breeches, wild geranium, hepatica, mayapple, bloodroot, Solomon's plume, trillium and zig-zag goldenrod.