

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Isopyrum biternatum* – False Rue Anemone**

COMMON NAME: False Rue Anemone

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *biternatum* comes from Latin meaning twice *ternate* referring to the three lobed leaves that are each slightly divided. Also labeled *Enemion biternatum*.

FLOWER: White, 5 petal-like sepals, occurring singly on each plant.

BLOOMING PERIOD: April to May before the trees are completely leafed out.

SIZE: 6 to 9 inches

BEHAVIOR: Often found in large colonies.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Open wooded slopes, rich woods and thickets, wet to medium woods, shade tolerant.

NATURAL RANGE: most of the eastern United States from New York to Florida, west to Minnesota and south to Texas. In Wisconsin it grows in most counties except for in the farthest north.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Seems to survive some disturbance and often survives grazing in farm woodlots. After summer dormancy new leaves will appear in fall.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water well to get established. Clumps can be divided in June when the leaves die back.

COMPANION PLANTS: Grows well with other spring ephemerals.

SPECIAL NOTE: This plant can be difficult to distinguish from true rue anemone. The distinctions are in the leaf shape and that false rue anemone has only one flower per plant.