



***Trillium grandiflorum* – Large-flowered Trillium**

COMMON NAME: Large-flowered Trillium, Large White Trillium, White Wake Robin

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Trillium grandiflorum* - from the Latin *tres* for three and *lillium* for lily with *grandiflorum* for large flower.

FLOWER: 2-3 inch flower with 3 overlapping white petals with ruffled edges.

BLOOMING PERIOD: May - June

SIZE: 8 to 18 inches

BEHAVIOR: Spreads slowly by seed. Separate seeds from pulp and sow at once, keeping the ground moist. Seeds must overwinter in the ground. Leave first year seedlings undisturbed. Flowering occurs 3-5 years following germination.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Rich soil in medium to moist woodlands. Needs partial shade after the trees leaf out.

NATURAL RANGE: Eastern and northern United States with all of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Each plant has a whorl of three leaves at the top of the stem. The flower is held erect on a short stem from the center of the three leaves. It may lean, but it does not droop. Its larger size and upright form distinguishes this trillium.

SUGGESTED CARE: Thin clumps of trillium by transplanting in the spring and watering well. Give a yearly mulch of very old manure, compost, leaf mold or rotted wood.

COMPANION PLANTS: Spring beauty, wild geranium, toothwort, blue cohosh, sharp-lobed hepatica, prairie trillium, mertensia.