

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Mitella diphylla* – Mitrewort**

COMMON NAME: Mitrewort, Bishop's cap

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Mitella diphylla* – from Greek, *mitra* for little cap, *mitella* little caps, and *diphylla* for two leaves.

FLOWER: Tiny white bells

BLOOMING PERIOD: May, June

SIZE: 5 to 20 inches

BEHAVIOR: Erect perennial.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Rich woods, high quality woodland

NATURAL RANGE: Quebec to Minnesota, south to Virginia and Georgia, west to Missouri.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The single flower stalk usually has a pair of opposite leaves that have 3 pointed lobes. There are several tiny bell-shaped blossoms with feathery, fringed edges on the flower stalk.

SUGGESTED CARE: Try a cool, shaded slope with good silt loam soil. Mitrewort is difficult to germinate from seed.

COMPANION PLANTS: Bellwort, trillium, Canada mayflower, lady fern, maidenhair fern.