



***Thalictrum thalictroides* – Rue Anemone**

COMMON NAME: Rue Anemone

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Thalictrum thalictroides*, *Anemonella thalictroides*
Thalictroides (Greek) refers to the 3-lobed leaf of meadow rue.

FLOWER: The delicate white flowers have 5 (sometimes more) petal-like sepals. There are several flowers on each plant.

BLOOMING PERIOD: mid-April to mid-May before the trees get all their leaves.

SIZE: Usually less than 12 inches high

BEHAVIOR: A true ephemeral, blossoming early, setting seed by mid-May and going dormant until the following year.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Usually found on wooded slopes and ridges. Needs the high, open shade of tall trees. Grows in rich soil and sandy but moist soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Rue anemone is found throughout the eastern United States, from Maine to northern Florida and west to Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Texas. In Wisconsin it occurs naturally in the southern counties north to Columbia and Dodge counties.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Individual flowers last well

SUGGESTED CARE: Be sure to plant rue anemone in a suitable site, water new plantings well and try to protect from rabbits, squirrels and other herbivores.

COMPANION PLANTS: The tall trees should be the usual deciduous trees found in our area (try to avoid Walnut trees) and combine with the other spring ephemerals and Pennsylvania sedge.