



## ***Uvularia sessilifolia* – Sessile Bellwort**

COMMON NAME: Sessile Bellwort, Wild Oats, Merrybells

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Uvularia sessilifolia* – comes from Latin and refers to the way the flowers hang as in the human uvula and *sessilifolia* for the leaf attachment to the stem.

FLOWER: Creamy yellow 6-parted bell that hangs down.

BLOOMING PERIOD: Late April to May

SIZE: 10 – 15 inches

BEHAVIOR: Will form carpets in moist, shady, deep humus-rich, acid soil.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Light shade, moist forests, clearings.

NATURAL RANGE: Eastern Canada west to North Dakota, south to Georgia, Alabama and Missouri. Found throughout Wisconsin except for the southeast corner.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Sessile Bellwort differs from the large flowered bellwort in the way the leaves attach to the stem. Sessile bellwort leaves do not surround the stem. The flowers are also less yellow and each plant usually only has a single blossom.

SUGGESTED CARE: Cover with a layer of leaves in winter and do not remove them in the spring. Difficult to transplant due to its long underground stem.

COMPANION PLANTS: Gaywings, star flower, wintergreen.