



## ***Anemone cylindrical* - Thimbleweed**

COMMON NAME: Thimbleweed, Candle Anemone\*

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Anemone cylindrical* - the Greek word *anemos* is “wind” and *cylindrica* refers to the shape of the seed head

FLOWER: Greenish-white 5-parted blossom

BLOOMING PERIOD: Mid-June to July

SIZE: 1 – 2 feet tall plant

BEHAVIOR: This plant has leaves that are finely divided into 3-5 toothed segments at the base. It will develop 2-8 flower stalks that are mostly bare and end with a single flower.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Well-drained soil, sand or gravel in full sun. It tolerates light shade. Found mostly in prairies.

NATURAL RANGE: New England west to Alberta, south to Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona. It grows throughout Wisconsin except in the extreme north.

SPECIAL FEATURES: After flowering, an oblong seed cone develops that is up to 1 ½ inches long and resembles a green thimble. When fully developed little cottony tufts scatter the dark seeds. This cottony seed head may remain through the winter adding interest to a winter garden.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water well until established; then it should need little care if it is on a suitable site.

COMPANION PLANTS: Nodding wild onion, lead plant, little bluestem, butterflyweed, whorled milkweed, heath, smooth, silky, sky blue and flax-leaved asters, sideoats grama, shooting star, New Jersey tea, coreopsis, flowering spurge, rattlesnake master, yellow stargrass, hoary puccoon, purple and white prairie clovers, June grass, showy goldenrod, compass plant, needle grass, spiderwort and many other prairie species

\* The name “thimbleweed” is also used for related specie, *anemone virginiana*. Some of this related specie plants have a more egg-shaped cone.