



***Viola pubescens* – Yellow Forest Violet**

COMMON NAME: Yellow Forest Violet, Downy Yellow Violet

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Viola pubescens* – where *viola* is the classical name for violet and *pubescens* refers to the downy hairs on leaves and stems.

FLOWER: Yellow with 5 petals veined with tiny purple lines.

BLOOMING PERIOD: End of April through much of May

SIZE: 4 to 12 inches

BEHAVIOR: This durable plant is able to survive in partially disturbed habitat. It spreads readily, but not aggressively, from seed. It remains green throughout the summer if there is enough moisture. Otherwise it goes dormant.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Grows well in light to moderate shade, but can grow in more open sites if larger plants aren't too competitive. It is more tolerant of diverse soils than many of the spring woodland flowers.

NATURAL RANGE: Southern New England west to Minnesota, south to Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas and Oklahoma. It is found in most of Wisconsin, but is most frequent in southern rich forests.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Both the color and durability make it desirable. In addition it is not as weedy as its purple cousins. Each leaf is heart-shaped and toothed with a wide base.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water new plantings well and then little follow-up care should be needed.

COMPANION PLANTS: Sugar maple, white ash, white oak, and basswood trees, spring beauty, sweet cicely, wild blue phlox, mayapple, Solomon's seal, Solomon's plume and Jack-in-the-pulpit.