

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Mimulus ringens* – Monkeyflower**

COMMON NAME: Monkeyflower

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Mimulus* meaning a small monkey; some think the flower looks like a monkey face.

FLOWER: pale blue-violet

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to September

SIZE: 1 to 3 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Erect perennial with smooth 4-angled stems.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Full to partial sun in rich loamy soil. Wet to moist meadows, shores, streambanks, sandy soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Northeastern states and the northern central states. All of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The flowers are about 1 inch long with 5 parts. The top two lobes surround the bottom three rounded lobes making the grinning monkey face.

SUGGESTED CARE: Be sure it is planted where it gets adequate water. The blooms can last up to one month.