



***Hydrophyllum virginianum* –
Virginia Waterleaf**

COMMON NAME: Virginia Waterleaf

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Hydrophyllum virginianum* : Greek *hydro* for water and *phylon* for leaf.

FLOWER: Small cluster of white to lavender, 5-parted flowers at the top of a stem.

BLOOMING PERIOD: May to June

SIZE: 1 to 2 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: The first leaves that appear in spring show patches of white. Later leaves are all green. All the leaves are toothed and deeply divided. The stems are slight hairy.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Sun to light shade in rich, loamy soil, in decaying leaves. It is common in deciduous woodlands and savannas.

NATURAL RANGE: Eastern US south to Oklahoma, North Carolina and Tennessee. West to North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. Also in the eastern Canadian provinces.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The mottled leaves are distinctive.

SUGGESTED CARE: Easy to grow, but can form colonies. Spreads easily by seed.

COMPANION PLANTS: Many of the woodland spring wildflowers. Grows well under sugar maples, white ash and yellow birch.