



White Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Great White Trillium

Description:

Queen of the spring in Minnesota forests. Large 3 petaled white blossoms open in early spring. Prefers deep, moist, humus rich woodlands. Spreads very slowly into larger clumps. Foliage goes dormant in hot dry summers

Ornamental Features

White Trillium features delicate white star-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early to mid spring. Its pointy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

White Trillium is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Trillium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



White Trillium flowers
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White Trillium in bloom
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Planting & Growing

White Trillium will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

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