

Polemonium reptans

Common Name: Jacob's Ladder

Family: Phlox family (Polemoniaceae)

Height: 1-1½' feet

Bloom Time: late spring

Bloom Color: blue

Sun: light shade or partial sun

Water: medium

Jacob's ladder prefers high quality natural habitats, and rarely wanders far from wooded areas. The nectar and pollen of the flowers attract bees primarily, including honeybees, bumblebees, Little Carpenter bees, Mason bees, Cuckoo bees (Nomadine), Halictid bees (including Green Metallic), and Andrenid bees. The flowers are also visited by Giant Bee Fly and various butterflies, skippers, or moths, which seek nectar. The bell-shaped flowers and compound leaves together provide Jacob's ladder with a distinctive appearance. The common name of *Polemonium reptans* refers to the pairs of opposite leaflets on the compound leaves, which supposedly resemble a series of steps on a ladder in a dream by the biblical Joseph. Grown by **Natives in Harmony** nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For hours and info call 419-688- 9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.



Scutellaria incana

Common Name: Downy or Hoary Skullcap

Plant Type: perennial

Family: Mint family (Lamiaceae)

Height: 2 to 3 feet

Bloom color: blue-violet or purple

Bloom Time: mid to late summer

Sun: partial sun to light shade

Water: medium to dry medium

The flowers are pollinated by primarily bumblebees, which suck nectar or collect pollen. Less common visitors are bee flies, skippers, or small butterflies. Some species of wasps may perforate the base of the flower and steal nectar (specifically, the Eumenid wasp has been observed to do this), and Halictid bees sometimes take advantage of these perforations to suck nectar themselves. Swallowtail butterflies and other butterflies occasionally visit the flowers, but they are also less effective at cross-pollination. Downy Skullcap has attractive foliage and flowers; it is one of the showier species in this genus. This wildflower is a good choice for shade gardens. Grown by **Natives in Harmony** nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For hours and info call 419-688- 9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.



Chrysopsis mariana

Common Name: Maryland golden aster

Family: Aster family
(Asteraceae)

Height: 2 ft.

Spread: 2 ft.

Bloom Time: late summer into fall

Bloom Color: yellow

Sun: full sun to part shade

Water: dry to medium

This golden beauty spreads slowly from short rhizomes and tends to self-seed. Spent flowers can be removed if seeding is undesirable. Otherwise, plant *Chrysopsis mariana* and allow it to seed around until it finds the perfect spot. This is a short-lived perennial may disappear if shaded or crowded by taller more aggressive companions. Usually, though, a few seedlings are left behind. This durable drought tolerant wildflower is easy to grow and is a wonderful choice for beginning wildflower gardeners. Grown by **Natives in Harmony** nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For hours and info call 419-688-9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.



Solidago bicolor

Common Name: White Goldenrod, Silver-rod

Family: Aster family (Asteraceae)

Height: 1 to 3 ft.

Bloom Time: late summer-fall

Bloom Color: white

Sun: full to part sun

Water: dry

White goldenrod is the only goldenrod in the eastern United States with white ray flowers. The slightly yellowish look is largely due to the color of the stamens and the pollen. It tolerates drought and clay soils. Flowers are very attractive to butterflies, native bees, honeybees and other pollinators. Songbirds eat the seeds. Grown by **Natives in Harmony** nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For hours and info call 419-688-9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.

