

COMMON NAME:
MONUMENT PLANT

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
FRASERA SPECIOSA

ALSO CALLED: SWERTIA RADIATA, SHOWY FRASERA, ELKWEED, DEERS-EARS, AND AMERICAN COLUMBO

FLOWER COLOR: GREEN

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: DENSE CONCENTRATION AROUND MOST OF TALL CENTRAL BODY

FLOWERING TIME: JULY TO SEPTEMBER

LEAVES: DAGGER-SHAPED LEAVES GET PROGRESSIVELY SHORTER AS THEY ASCEND TO THE TOP

NORMAL SIZE: 6' TO 10'

NORMAL ELEVATION: 7000' TO 9500'

HABITATION: OPEN MEADOWS

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: TALL LARGE PLANT WITH LARGE GREEN FLOWERS AND DAGGER-SHAPED LEAVES

SPECIAL INTEREST: WHEN THIS PLANT IS FOUND, IT SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING OUT OF A FAIRYTALE. IT SEEMS LIKE IT CANNOT REALLY EXIST.