

Ginger, Wild

(Asarum canadense)

Two-to 6-inch round, heart-shaped dark green leaves so thick that weeds don't stand a chance. Spreads by creeping underground stems, sending up 6- to 10-inch leaf stems. In late spring, red-purple flowers can be seen at base when leaves are parted.

Zone: 4-10

Light: sun or light shade

Comments

Very good cover for light to deep shade and rich soil. Will grow under taller plants. Space plants about 12 inches apart. For new plants, divide old ones and replant in early spring. Sometimes called 'snakeroot,' the plant can be dried and used as a flavoring.