
Red Trillium

(*Trillium erectum*)



- Red Trillium is a perennial woodland plant, flowering April to June.
- It can grow to 40cm in height, and has a single, deep red flower with 3 petals, growing above a trio of pointed leaves.

Interesting Facts

- Flies are the primary pollinators of Red Trilliums - they are attracted to the smell of the flowers, which resembles rotting meat.
- Red Trilliums are also called “Stinking Benjamin” because of the smell of the flowers.
- Most spring-flowering woodland plants are long-lived perennials that take several years to build up enough energy stores to produce flowers.
- Trilliums should never be picked because the plant will die if picked before the leaves have manufactured enough food for storage in the underground rhizomes until the following Spring.