
Wild Ginger

(*Asarum canadense*)



- Wild Ginger is locally common in rich, deciduous woods.
- Its creeping stem/rhizome roots along its length.
- The maroon flowers are inconspicuous, hidden below the leaves.
- Pollinated flowers develop into a pod, which opens when ripe to reveal seeds with fleshy 'wings' that are eaten by ants, who disperse the seeds.

Interesting facts

- The plant is called Wild Ginger because the rhizome smells and tastes like Ginger root, although the two are not closely related (and it's not a good idea to eat Wild Ginger).
- It was thought to be pollinated by flies, but it's now thought to be almost entirely self-pollinated.