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Golden Alexanders

Zizia aurea

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Prefers full sun to part shade.
- Soils: Moist to average moisture
- Bloom Time: Spring blossoms - April, May, June
- Size: 1-2ft in height

Tolerates drier summer soils, provided it receives moist soils in early spring. In the carrot family, the plant is care-free, and is capable of self-pollination. It is an important early flowering plant for beneficial insects.

Garden Companions

Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*), Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)

Nature Benefits

- May host caterpillars of the Black Swallowtail butterfly
- Flowers are attractive to many kinds of insects seeking pollen or nectar, especially short-tongued bees, such as green metallic bees and andrenid bees, wasps, flies, and beetles. Other insects include valuable predator wasps, small butterflies, and long-tongued bumblebees.

Native Habitat

Occurs naturally in openings in moist to dry woodlands, areas along woodland paths and abandoned fields.