



Lizard's Tail

Saururus cernuus

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

Height: 1 - 3 ft **Width/Spread:** 1- 2 ft



Leaves

Shape: lanceolate & heart

Arrangement: alternate

Margin: entire

Form: simple

Leaf Description: green leaves and stems are hairy when young and smooth when older; leaves are 3-6 inches long; stem zigzags and is often thickened and spongy at the base; palmately veined

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: white

In Bloom: Apr - Aug

Flower Shape: achlamydeous ("naked" - no petals or sepals)

Flower(s) Description: clusters of tiny white, finger-like flowers connected by short stalks at equal distances along central stem (raceme); raceme is produced opposite of a leaf and looks like a bottlebrush; clusters droop when young but become erect as they age; flowers have citrus aroma



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes

Seed Type: dry seed pod

Fruit and Seed Description: small, warty fruits take the place of flowers once they're spent; the dry, brown fruit splits open to release small seeds

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Other Pollinators, and Other Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers moist to wet soil at all times (*water three times per week*)