



# Wild Ginger

*Hexastylis arifolia*

**Plant Description** – native, herb/ wildflower, evergreen, perennial

**Height:** 6 – 10 in **Width/Spread:** 1 – 2 ft



## Leaves

**Shape:** heart

**Arrangement:** alternate

**Margin:** entire

**Form:** simple

**Leaf Description:** leaves are smooth, pale, whitish green with dark green veins and margins, up to 8 inches long, 4 inches or lower from ground, rise in pairs from the rhizome

## Flower/Bloom

**Flower Color:** purple, brown

**In Bloom:** Mar - May

**Flower Shape:** urceoalte (urn-shaped)

**Flower(s) Description:** solitary, growing from the base of the leaf; often covered by leaf litter; leathery, urn-shaped sepals and no petals; three-lobed; mottled or spotted with purple, cream, tan, and brown; inner surface of the sepals is dark purple; flowers are shaped like little brown jugs, hence the common name "Little Brown Jug"



## Fruits & Seeds

**Spreads via:** Seeds & Rhizomes

**Seed Type:** moist fruit

**Fruit and Seed Description:** fruit is fleshy capsule; rarely seen

## Ecological Benefits

Food source for Other Pollinators; pollinated by ants and other small, crawling insects

## Maintenance Notes

Dark purple to brown leaves in winter; prefers average watering (*water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year*)