Tellima grandiflora, Fringe cup

General Botanical Characteristics

Tellima grandiflora has leaves that cluster at the base of theplant. The leaves are maple-like, hairy, and 2-5 inches wide. It can grow to 50 cm - 80 cm with an erect stem. Flowers of small nodding cups with strap-like petals are arranged along the tall stem.

Seasonal Development

It blooms in March-June.

Distribution/Habitat

Fringe cup occurs in western North America. It grows in thickets and woods where sites are cool and shady with moist soil.

Interesting Facts

 The flowers change color as they are pollinated. Colors can range from white to red to brown on a single plant along the stem.



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