

Uvularia grandiflora

Large-flowered Bellwort

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic

When planted en masse, graceful, nodding flowers create a lovely visage when they peek from under foliage, which also is attractive, especially to white-tailed deer. The discovery of this [native](#)* wildflower in deciduous woodlands often signifies that the natural ground vegetation remains largely undisturbed.



Perennial	Flowers En Masse** and Close-up
Height: 1½–2 feet	 
Spread: 1–1½ feet	
Bloom Color: Golden-yellow	
Characteristics	
Clump-forming, herbaceous perennial	
Alternate , 3–5- parallel-veined , perfoliate , ovate-oblong, bright green leaves, canescent (fine white hairs) beneath, on glabrous and glaucous stems	
Dainty, 1–2-inch-long, nodding, bell-shaped flowers w/ 6 twisted, yellow tepals bloom 2 weeks April–May	
3-celled, obovoid loculicidal seed capsules	
Sometimes forms colonies by rhizomes	
Attributes	
Tolerates occasional dry soil ; no serious pests or diseases though slugs may attack new growth	<div>Excellent Replacement for</div> <div><i>Alliaria petiolata</i> - Garlic Mustard</div> <div><i>Ficaria verna</i> - Lesser Celandine</div> <div><i>Ornithogalum species</i> - Star of Bethlehem</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Deer frequently severely damage foliage	
Ethnobotanic uses; rhizome edible when cooked	
Attracts bees; larval host to Oak Besma moth	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	
Soil Requirements : Well-drained, average	
Light Requirements : Partial Shade, Shade	
Water Requirements : Moist	
Easy-to-grow, low maintenance	
Use pine needles as a mulch to discourage slugs	
Particularly hot or dry periods may cause leaf wilt, foliage dieback, or premature dormancy	
Use en masse in woodland gardens, shade borders, and naturalized setting	<div>*It is found in Garrett County, MD and mostly in PA's west and north-central parts. In VA, it is frequent to locally common in the sw. and wc. mountains, north to Rockingham County; infrequent to rare in the adjacent inner Piedmont. It is not native to NoVA, DC, or DE.</div> <div>**Top image with <i>Viola</i> in foreground.</div>
Hardiness : USDA Zones 4a–9b	
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