

# Dutchman's Breeches

*Dicentra cucullaria*

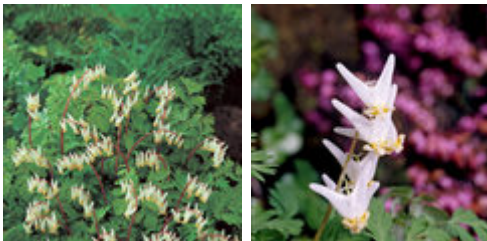
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This description is for *Dutchman's Breeches (Dicentra cucullaria)*:

## Dutchman's Breeches doesn't grow on beaches, nor is it infested with a multitude of leeches.

You only need to take a look at the flowers of the Dutchman's Breeches to see where the inspiration for the name came from. The small, yellow tipped white flowers bear an uncanny resemblance to a miniature pair of inflated trousers - something that can be a real talking point in the garden. *Dicentra cucullaria* flowers during the spring months, so is a great choice for adding early season colour. It also has foliage that resembles small ferns, so adds a variety of texture and shade to the garden. It's a hardy little number and resistant to frost. Plant in partial shade for the best results.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p><b>Known dangers?</b> yes</p>	<p><b>Acidity</b> Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p><b>Standard category</b> Flowers &amp; bulbs Perennials</p>
<p><b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.</p>	<p><b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-8</p>	<p><b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers</p>

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<b>Height [m]</b> 0.2	<b>Heat zone</b> H8-1	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Colours Tough survivors
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.25	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Rock garden
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> White	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 120	<b>Garden spaces</b> Borders
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered poorly-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring	<b>Soil type</b> Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Blue-green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Blue-green	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed division		
<b>Growth habit</b> Compact Clump-forming		