

Gypsywort



Gypsywort (*Lycopus europaeus*) is a perennial, growing up to 1m. The central stem is light green with pairs of opposite leaves which become more slender as the flowers occur. Individual flowers are 3mm across consisting of a short, tubular calyx with 4-5 teeth. The blooming period occurs from mid Summer to Autumn which lasts 2-3 months. Only a few flowers are in bloom at the same time situated towards the apex of the plant.

Gypsywort will grow in a wide range of wet soils being found on banks of rivers, streams and lakes. This makes it the ideal wildflower for garden pond edges where the plants will attract a wide range of insects such as bees and dragonflies.

Sowing Time: Spring/Autumn

Sowing Depth: Up to 15cm.

