PLANT FACT SHEET

Trillium grandiflorum (Michx.) Salisb.

GENUS *Trillium* **FAMILY** Melanthiaceae

COMMON NAMES White trilium, Grand trillium, Large-flowered trillium, Showy trillium, Wake robin, White wake robin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young unfolding leaves can be added fresh to salads.
They can be boiled and served with vinegar.
(The leaves become bitter once the buds and flowers appear.)

DESCRIPTION

A perennial plant. It grows 30-45 cm high and wide. The leaves are dark green and form a mound. They are in rings of three. The flowers are white, pink, purple or yellow with distinct veins. The sepals are green. The flowers are almost triangular in outline with 3 petals. The petals have wavy edges and are curved backwards. The flowers are 5-8 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. It grows in rich, moist woodlands. It can grow in shade. It needs moist, rich, well drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from sections of the rhizome. These are spaced 15-30 cm apart and 10 cm deep. Plants can be propagated by division or from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It has a slow 7 year lifecycle.

NOTES

There are about 46 Trillium species.
Also put in the family Trilliaceae.

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