

# Dicentra eximia

**North American Native**



*Dicentra* (dy-sen-tra)  
From the Greek di (two) and kentron (a spur), the flowers have two spurs.

*eximia* (eks-ee-mee-a)  
meaning distinguished, extraordinary.

**Zones:** 4 - 9  
**Flower Color:** Rose-Pink  
**Height:** 12 – 18”  
**Spacing:** 18”



## About the Species:



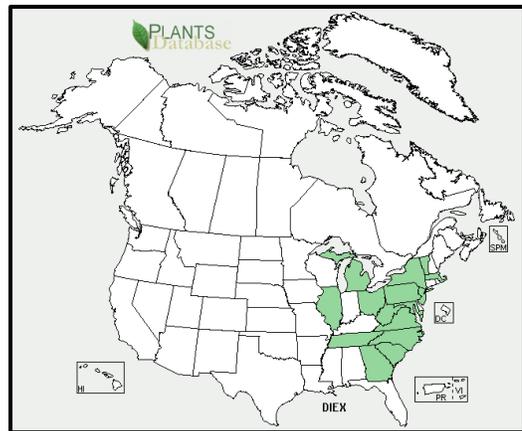
**Common Name:** Cutleaf Bleeding Heart

**Family:** Fumariaceae

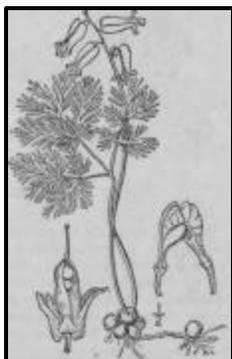
Cutleaf Bleeding Heart has small rose pink heart shaped flowers that bloom starting in May and continuing into the fall, rising above the foliage. The fern-like leaves are an attractive gray-green and combine well with the flowers.

**Habitat:** Cutleaf Bleeding Hearts grow in rich, moist woods, and areas along stream banks.

**In the Garden:** When allowed to self-sow, Cutleaf Bleeding Heart will form nice drifts of color. Deadheading may help prolong blooming but it is not necessary. Grow in part shade to full shade or locations with full morning sun when moisture is available. Use this perennial in borders, shady rock gardens, in woodland gardens, in containers and for cut flowers. It attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, but deer are not interested.



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### Forever Flowering Bleeding Hearts.

The Bleeding Hearts beloved by our grandmothers originated in Japan. These old-fashioned Bleeding Hearts die out in the heat of summer and become “summer” dormant. The New World species, *eximia*, will continue to bloom all summer long and into the fall. The flowers have been described as having tiny pink hearts with drops of blood on the bottom. Travelers walking through the Southern Appalachian Mountains in the hardwood forests may come upon very lacy foliageed plants with dainty pink flowers dangling down. They are the Cutleaf or Fernleaf Bleeding Hearts. These *Dicentras* are found along the Blue Ridge Parkway, in the Shenandoah National Park, and in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, as well as many other locations. Loss of native habitat has caused these plants to become threatened in Maryland and endangered in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

# Dicentra x 'Aurora'

**North American Native Cultivar**



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'Aurora' is likely a hybrid of *D.eximia* and *D. formosa*



**Zones:** 4 - 9



**Flower Color:** Creamy -White **Height:** 12 – 18” **Spacing:** 18”

'Aurora' has clusters of creamy white flowers appearing at a height of 12-18” in May over clean blue-green fringed leaves. Moist, well-drained soil, with morning sun, will ensure plenty of flower clusters all summer long.

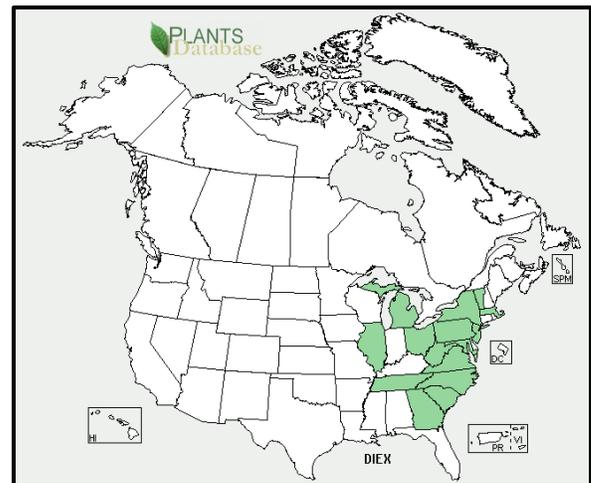
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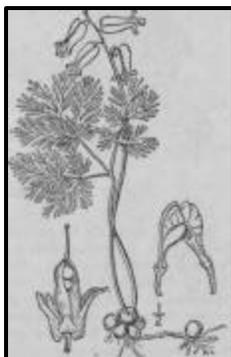
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'Luxurient' is likely a hybrid of *D. eximia* and *D. formosa*.



When given the moist, partly shaded areas it prefers, '**Luxurient**' will bloom non-stop from May through September. Its cherry-red hearts appear in clusters on stems rising above its ferny green foliage. It tolerates more sun and heat, but will still flower heaviest in spring and fall with moderate bloom production in the hottest part of the summer.

**Zones:** 4 – 9

**Flower Color:** Cherry-Red

**Height:** 12 – 18" **Spacing:** 18"

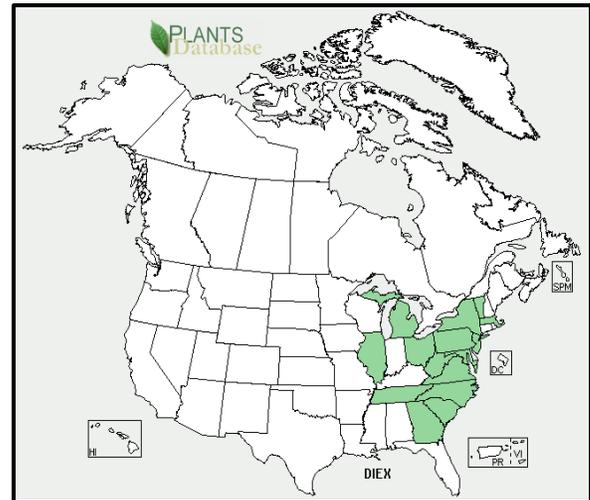
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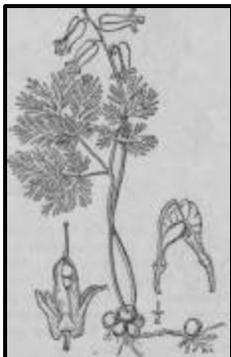
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