

Sedum ternatum

North American Native



Sedum
(say-dum)
Classical name for several succulent plants from the Latin *sedo*, to sit, referring to the manner in which it will grow on rocks and walls.

ternatum
(ter-nay-tum)
meaning in clusters of three.



Zones: 3 – 9

Flower Color: White **Height:** 6" **Spacing:** 6"



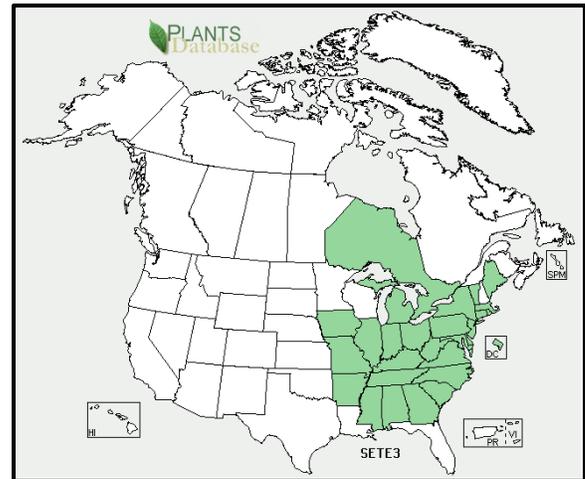
About the Species:

Common Name: Woodland stone-crop

Family: Crassulaceae

An evergreen groundcover, *Sedum ternatum* produces white flowers in mid spring to early summer with three branched, horizontal inflorescences above the sprawling, medium green, rounded leaves. The root system sends out abundant rhizomes and forms a mat, rooting along the stem.

Habitat: Found along partially shaded stream edges, wooded ravines, cliffs, and rocky bluffs.



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In the Garden: *Sedum ternatum* prefers a moderately moist habitat, and a loamy or rocky soil. This sedum is useful as a ground cover for shady locations, in alpine or rock gardens, and will grow well around tree roots. Its fleshy leaves and stems store water, making it drought tolerant. Bees are attracted to the flower nectar of *Sedum ternatum* and it is the host plant for the Variegated Fritillary and Buckeye butterfly caterpillars.



Crops suitable for stones.

Sedums are highly prized for being tough plants for full sun and drought conditions. How refreshing to find one that actually likes shade and a little extra moisture. They can be found in the middle of a stream clinging to rocks as well as at the top of the cliff overlooking the water nestled in between the rocks and tree roots. This stonecrop is especially valuable for the shaded sections of green roofs near any drains where the water dribbles onto the roof. With an average of only 4" of soil, any shade loving plant with shallow roots that will survive is valuable.