



Late Figwort

Scrophularia marilandica

Light:	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Soil:	Loam, Sand
Moisture:	Medium, Medium-Dry
Benefits:	Hummingbirds, Pollinators, Deer Resistant
Height:	6'
Blooms:	Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
Zones:	4-8
Color:	Green, Brown
Spacing:	2-3'
Root:	Rhizome



Late figwort and its nearly identical sibling, early figwort, are not typically grown for their good looks. The flowers are a bland brown and so small they can be overlooked. But if you are a native pollinator or a ruby throat, few plants are more alluring. Each of the flower cups holds a perfect drop of nectar, and I've seen hummingbirds work their way all the way up the stem, taking a sip at every blossom. Easy to grow and deer resistant, if you can't imagine planting figwort in the front yard, find a corner in the back and earn the blessing of the bees and birds.

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