



Early Figwort

Scrophularia lanceolata

Light:	Full Sun, Partial Sun, Shade
Soil:	Loam, Sand
Moisture:	Medium-wet to dry
Benefits:	Hummingbirds, Pollinators, Deer Resistant
Height:	5'
Blooms:	May–July
Zones:	3-7
Color:	Green, Brownish
Spacing:	2-3'
Root:	Rhizome

Early figwort and its similar (except for bloom times, duh) sibling, late figwort, are not typically grown for their good looks, though they might fill in the back of the border nicely. The flowers are variable, a bit dull, 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. Easy to grow and deer resistant, if you can't imagine planting figworts in the front yard, find a corner in the back and earn the blessing of the bees and birds.

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