



Turtlehead

Cleome glabra

Light:	Full, Part Sun
Soil:	Loam, Clay, Sand
Moisture:	Wet, Medium Wet
Benefits:	Pollinators, Birds, Deer Resistant
Height:	2-5'
Blooms:	July-September
Zones:	3-8
Color:	White, Cream
Spacing:	1'
Root:	Fibrous



Turtleheads are named for the shape of their appealing blossoms, which resemble a turtle peaking out from its shell. However, the turtlehead is more than a pretty face. In addition to serving as a nectar source for hummingbirds and insects, it is also an important host plant for the lovely Baltimore checkerspot butterfly. An excellent choice for any damp area on your property.

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