



**Sparkler Meadow Rue**  
*Thalictrum aquilegiifolium 'Sparkler'*

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: *T. aquilegiifolium*

**Description:**

A fantastic selection from a very fine species with columns of light green foliage arising in spring, turning to a glaucous green; stately stems topped with bright white flowers that are quite large; lovely massed along borders; will readily naturalize

**Ornamental Features**

Sparkler Meadow Rue features dainty panicles of white star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage in early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves emerge light green in spring, turning green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous olive green in the fall. The olive green stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Sparkler Meadow Rue is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sparkler Meadow Rue is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Sparkler Meadow Rue flowers*  
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*Sparkler Meadow Rue in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Sparkler Meadow Rue will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.