

**Scientific name:** *Anemonopsis macrophylla*

**Family:** Ranunculaceae

**Common name:** False Anemone

**Native Habitat:** Japan

**Hardiness zone:** Zones 4-9

**Exposure:** The perfect shade plant that prefers a sheltered, cool location. Both the flowers and the foliage will burn if in direct sun. *Anemonopsis* thrives in our Woodland Garden and Himalayan Slope.

**Form:** Clump-forming, herbaceous perennial.

**Soil Requirements:** Humus-rich, moisture-retentive soil with excellent drainage.

**Growth Rate:** Slow, but worth the wait.

**Height:** 24 to 36 inches

**Leaf:** Leaves are 2 or 3 lobed, compound, with toothed margins and an acuminate tip. These glossy, dark green leaves range in size from 3 to 6 inches in length and emerge from rhizomatous roots.

**Flower:** The nodding, waxy, lavender to pink flowers begin to appear in the beginning of August and can often last until September. The long, dark stems remain upright and hold the 1½-inch cup-shaped flowers that open in loose racemes.

*Anemonopsis macrophylla* often falls under the “love at first sight” category. This monotypic genus is still rather rare in cultivation and when the first blooms appear at Stonecrop, it brings delight to all. Whilst it is possible to propagate *Anemonopsis* from seed, it is a challenge. The seed must be sown fresh and it will require multiple cycles of warm, moist stratification, plus a bit of luck. Fresh seed is offered each year in our Index Seminum. If you have an existing plant, you can divide it in early spring, however it is slow to re-establish after division.

