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Erigenia bulbosa

HARBINGER OF SPRING is an annual or perennial. Native to north-eastern North America it has white flowers with maroon stamens.

It is also known as Ground nut, Pepper and salt, Turkey foot, and Turkey pea.

Bulbosa means 'bulbous or swollen' with reference to the roots.

The tuberous roots can be eaten raw or cooked.

This is one of the first flowers to bloom in Spring.

For the North American Cherokee Indians the plant when chewed provided a remedy for toothache.