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## Promising Plants Profiles

### ***Codonopsis pilosula***

**Genus:** *Codonopsis*

**Specific Epithet:** *pilosula*

**Common Name:** bonnet bellflower, bastard ginseng, dang shen

**Family:** Campanulaceae

**Flower Color:** pale yellow to pale green

**Form:** perennial climber

**Hardiness Zone:** 6

**Height:** 6'

**Soil:** light, sandy, well-drained, slightly acid soil

**Sun:** semi-shade



**Uses:** medicinal, culinary (root)

“You will not find a more enchanting medicinal vine for the herb garden than this member of the Campanulaceae family. Its small pale yellow to greenish, bell-shaped flowers hang and dance in the breeze. Plant in a location with good filtered light and protect from the westerly afternoon sun. Grows easily from seed.”

– Dorothy Bonitz, Promising Plants Presentation, 2004

**Seed Source:** Richters Herbs, Goodwood, Ontario

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