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Common Baby's Breath

Gypsophila paniculata



Common Baby's Breath in bloom
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Ornamental Features

Common Baby's Breath features airy plumes of white flowers at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain silvery blue in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Common Baby's Breath is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Common Baby's Breath is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Common Baby's Breath flowers
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Planting & Growing

Common Baby's Breath will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

