

# Plant Facts

## Lambs' Ears - *Stachys byzantina*

**Other Common Names:** Lamb's Ear, Donkey's Ears, Lambs' Wool, Woolly Betony



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### LAMB'S EARS

*Stachys byzantina*

**Mounding Evergreen Perennial**



**Pollinator Friendly**



**Full Sun/Light Shade** **Water:** Low-medium, drought Tolerant

6"-1' Tall x 1-2' Wide **Color:** Woolly, gray-green foliage,

**Blooms:** Summer, purplish pink

Ground cover, creeping stems root as they go

Dislikes overhead watering

**Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener**

## General Information

Perennial edging or groundcover plant with attractive furry, silvery leaves that grow in dense rosettes. Spikes of small purplish flowers appear in Summer.

## Characteristics

**Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

**Size:** 12-18 ins. w x 9-18 ins. h

**Flowers:** Small, purplish, on spikes above foliage

**Bloom Time:** Summer

**Leaves:** Furry, thick, grey-green to silvery; size and shape vary, depending on the cultivar

**Growth Habit/Shape:** Spreading mats of rosettes

**Dormancy:** May diminish during Summer heat; die-back depending on harshness of Winter

**Soil Requirements:** Very well-drained; if have clay soil, grow in raised beds filled with free draining soil

**Propagation:** Division

**Indoor/Outdoor:** Outdoor

## Pests and Diseases

Summer humidity and/or overwatering or excessive rain may cause rot. Remove damaged leaves as needed and regrowth will occur.

## Plant Care

Low to medium water requirements but no overhead watering. Appreciates shade from hot afternoon sun.

## Notes

Some gardeners remove flowers to accentuate rosettes. Good addition to sensory or children's gardens.

## Sources for Additional Information

**Henderson County Master Gardener Association**

<https://txmg.org/hendersonmg/plant-library/lambs-ear/>

**Missouri Botanical Garden**

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=p980#AllImages>

**NC State Extension**

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/stachys-byzantina>