

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>