

# Gypsy White Baby's Breath Gypsophila muralis 'Gypsy White'

Hardiness Zone: 2b

## **Description:**

This selection forms a compact, dense mound producing a constant mass of small, white flowers from early to late summer; clip lightly after blooming to promote re-bloom; attractive alone, or in mixed containers or baskets

#### **Ornamental Features**

Gypsy White Baby's Breath has masses of beautiful clusters of semi-double white star-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Gypsy White Baby's Breath is an 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Gypsy White Baby's Breath flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Gypsy White Baby's Breath in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Gypsy White Baby's Breath will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Gypsy White Baby's Breath is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.