# White Lion's Tail

***Leonotis leonurus 'Albiflora'***



*White Lion's Tail flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: White Dagga, Cape Hemp, Lion's Ear

**Description:**

A very interesting member of the mint family presenting gorgeous clusters of white tubular blooms that develop a peach cast when mature; blooms in fall or early winter; excellent as a screen, or in containers

**Ornamental Features**

White Lion's Tail features showy clusters of white tubular flowers rising above the foliage from early to late fall. It has green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

White Lion's Tail is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

White Lion's Tail is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

White Lion's Tail will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

White Lion's Tail makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.