Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath

Gypsophila cerastioides 'Pixie Splash'



Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 5 inches

Spread: 7 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A low growing variety that is well suited for rock gardens, rock walls, or alpine troughs; a compact mound of rounded green leaves; taller branches are studded with white flowers blushed with pink; evergreen in milder areas

Ornamental Features

Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath has masses of beautiful white cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Pixie Splash Alpine 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 7 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Pixie Splash Alpine Baby's Breath is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.