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Gypsophila repens 'Filou Rose'



Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

This selection forms a low mat of blue-green leaves, producing masses of small, fragrant light pink flowers from early to mid-summer; clip lightly after blooming to promote re-bloom; great for rock gardens, cascading, groundcover or in containers

Ornamental Features

Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath has masses of beautiful clusters of pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves remain bluish-green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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.

Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath will grow to be only 6 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!

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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. 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.

Filou Rose Creeping Baby's Breath is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.