



White Cloud Potentilla

Potentilla tridentata 'White Cloud'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Three-Toothed Cinquefoil



White Cloud Potentilla foliage
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

This stunning herbaceous variety features compound leaves that emerge white and mature to cream and light green with dark green veins; sprays of white flowers from late spring to fall; trim faded blooms to encourage new buds; great for a sunny border

Ornamental Features

White Cloud Potentilla has white button flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its attractive small oval compound leaves emerge white in spring, turning creamy white in color with distinctive dark green veins and tinges of light green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

White Cloud Potentilla is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Cloud Potentilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

White Cloud Potentilla will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 9 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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 Cloud Potentilla 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 and foliage 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.