

Botanical Name: Stachys byzantina

Common Name: Lamb's ears

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling herbaceous plant with soft, thick, wooly leaves--
makes a coarse textured, floppy mound of foliage

Height to 18" Spread 2-3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers full sun - tolerates light shade

Soil tolerates most soils with good drainage

Hardiness hardy--all zones (frost damages leaves)

Morphology:

Leaves to 4" long, alternate--cuneate/spoon shaped densely
white-tomentose on stems and leaves

Flowers small spikes of pink/purple flowers, each 1/2" long,
spring or summer

Fruit 4-chambered capsule

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: excellent facer material in sunny flower beds--used for
contrast with darker foliage--good groundcover under high-branching trees

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering to get established--tolerates
drought when established

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer when planted

Pruning remove dead leaves--cut back in early spring

Pests/Diseases root rot when drainage is poor

Special Conditions plant may die back during winter

Origin: Turkey, SW Asia Family: Labiatae