

Botanical Name: Gypsophila cerastioides

Common Name: Dwarf baby's breath

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Caryophyllaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low, spreading, mat-forming perennial with a very dense growth habit; flowers are held slightly above foliage

Height to 3" Spread to 6" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a neutral to alkaline soil

Hardiness Hardy (zones 2-10, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves spatulate to ovate, to 2" long, 1/2" across; medium green, surfaces are somewhat glossy, slightly pubescent

Flowers 1/4" 5-petaled flowers in terminal cymes; white with purple striping to pure pink

Fruit tiny capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: an excellent rock garden plant or alpine plant used between stepping stones or as a low facer; good in miniature gardens and containers

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; not especially drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release at plating time

Pruning dead-head occasionally to promote continued blooming

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Other

Origin: Himalayas