

Botanical Name: Achillea tomentosa

Common Name: Wooly yarrow

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low, mat-forming groundcover with wooly grey leaves; very dense and compact, with finely fuzzy foliage

Height to about 4" Spread to 18" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most soils; tolerates poor, rocky soils

Hardiness Hardy; all zones

Morphology:

Leaves bi-pinnately compound with dense white fuzzy hair emerging from newest foliage; leaves to 1-1/2" long, 1/8" across

Flowers dense clusters of 1/4" yellow composite flowers held 2-3" above foliage; much more compact effect than other Achillea species

Fruit tiny achene

Propagation: stem cuttings or division; easy but slow

Usage: excellent rock garden or small landscape groundcover; very effective in perennial beds and miniature gardens; good in raised planters and as a foreground plant

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water but tolerates drought very well after establishment

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning dead head after blooming season - usually in fall

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other _____

Origin: Eastern Europe, Western Asia