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### **Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower\***

*Tiareella cordifolia 'Eco Spotted Velvet'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Eco Series



*Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Description:**

Interesting, velvety lobed leaves with a dark burgundy vein down each lobe, form a neat mound of foliage; pink flower buds open to reveal the pale pinkish-white flowers on graceful spikes; dramatic foliage; excellent shade groundcover

#### **Ornamental Features**

Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones rising above the foliage from early to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large lobed leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning green in color with pointy burgundy spines. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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

### **Planting & Growing**

Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Eco Spotted Velvet Foamflower 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 larger 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.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*