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## Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears

***Stachys byzantina 'Fuzzy Wuzzy'***



*Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

**Description:**

This variety forms a dense carpet of soft and fuzzy silver-green leaves bearing upright spikes of magenta-lavender flowers in early summer; clip spent blooms to tidy up for rest of season; drought tolerant once established; evergreen in mild areas

**Ornamental Features**

Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears's attractive large tomentose oval leaves emerge silver in spring, turning grayish green in color the rest of the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. It has masses of beautiful spikes of hot pink flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage in early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings.

**Landscape Attributes**

Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.



*Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears*
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This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Lamb's Ears 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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