

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue



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Thalictrum kiusianum

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Kyushu Meadow Rue

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue features airy panicles of lilac purple flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. Its lobed compound leaves remain forest green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue flowers
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Planting & Growing

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 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 9 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Dwarf Korean Meadow Rue 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 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. 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.