# **Plant Finder**





Sylvan™ Lace Foamflower *Tiarella 'TNTIASL'* 

Plant Height: 9 inches Flower Height: 16 inches Spread: 18 inches Spacing: 15 inches Sunlight: ● ● Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Sylvan Series

### **Description:**

A striking selection, with its white flower spikes in spring, over interesting, lobed and deeply cut leaves patterned with dark burgundy veins; foliage turns red-orange in fall; wonderful as a shaded groundcover, or mixing with other plants in a container



Sylvan Lace Foamflower foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

Sylvan Lace Foamflower has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late 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 deeply cut lobed leaves are green in color with distinctive burgundy veins and tinges of coral-pink. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of dark red, orange and gold in the fall. The dark red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Sylvan Lace Foamflower is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Sylvan Lace 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**

Sylvan Lace Foamflower will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Sylvan Lace 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.

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