



Mukdenia

Mukdenia rossii

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: *Aceriphyllum rossii*

Description:

A woodland treasure that forms a low round mound of large, rounded, lobed leaves that mature to deep green, becoming tinged with bronze; lovely spikes of dainty white flowers tower above the mounded foliage in spring; excellent for containers or edging

Ornamental Features

Mukdenia features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its attractive glossy lobed palmate leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning dark green in color with hints of coppery-bronze throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Mukdenia is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mukdenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Mukdenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Mukdenia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 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 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 should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Mukdenia 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.