

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Tiarella cordifolia* – Foam Flower**

COMMON NAME: Foam flower, heart-leaved foam flower

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Tiarella cordifolia* comes from the Greek where *tiara* is a small crown. This is in reference to the individual tiny flowers.

FLOWER: flower stems are 10-12 inches high and have the many flowers on the top 3-4 inches. The flowers are generally white, but sometimes slightly pink.

BLOOMING PERIOD: May to June

SIZE: 9 – 12 inches high

BEHAVIOR: The leaves are close to the ground and can spread to form a colony of plants.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Foam flower needs a rich soil and thrives in hard wood forests providing the soil is moist enough. It would be appropriate for shaded rock gardens and small woodland areas.

NATURAL RANGE: Eastern U.S., Ontario, Quebec, and parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is an endangered species in Wisconsin with remnants in a few areas in the northeastern part of the state.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The leaves are heart-shaped, semi-glossy and about 4 inches in size. Sometimes the leaves show red or purple veins. Leaves are semi-evergreen.

SUGGESTED CARE: Be sure to keep the soil moist, but not wet!

COMPANION PLANTS: maidenhair fern, red columbine, lady fern, Christmas fern, white-tinged sedge, seersucker sedge, alumroot, creeping phlox