

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



Antennaria plantaginifolia - Pussytoes

COMMON NAME: Pussytoes, Women's-tobacco

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Antennaria* comes from the Latin *antenna* because the male flowers look like antennae. *Plantaginifolia* because the leaves resemble plantain leaves.

FLOWER: white to pinkish

BLOOMING PERIOD: late spring

SIZE: less than 10 inches tall

BEHAVIOR: Dioecious, meaning male and female flowers are on separate plants.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Full sun in dry, lean soil, acid soils, rocky slopes

NATURAL RANGE: Eastern U.S. and Canada west to Minnesota, south to Texas. In Wisconsin it is more common in the southern half of the state.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The plant has a basal rosette of leaves that are hairy on the bottom. The erect stem has a cluster of 4-17 fuzzy flower heads each up to 1/8 inch long. This plant would do well in a rockgarden.

SUGGESTED CARE: Easy to care for, but will form colonies. Deer and rabbit resistant.

COMPANION PLANTS: Monarda and ornamental grasses