



## Baby's breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)

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Baby's breath is a multi-branch perennial grown from a long taproot and is identified by numerous small flowers on arching branches. A low maintenance plant, the showy white or pink flowers (*Gypsophila Reopens*) are frequently used in bouquets or dried arrangements. It provides a softening effect to gardens.

The plant may become invasive and is considered a noxious weed in some western states as it displaces desirable grasses. Branches can break, and the plant will blow like a tumbleweed displacing seeds along the way. **Bark may cause dermatitis or skin irritation.**

Type	Herbaceous perennial
Hardiness Zone	3 - 9
Sun	Full sun
Bloom Time	June - September
Height	18" - 24"
Spread	18" - 24"
Tolerance	Drought tolerant
Attracts	Butterflies
Additional Features	Deer tend to avoid; may cause dermatitis

### Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: well-drained soil
- Soil pH: alkaline (>8.0) to neutral (6.0-8.0) soil
- Type: loam/silt, sand
- Planting considerations: borders, containers, cutting, pollinator, or cottage garden

### Planting Recommendations

- Type: seeds or plants
- When to plant: after threat of frost has passed
- Depth of planting: direct sow seeds and cover with ¼" soil
- Mulching: not necessary
- Spacing: 30" - 36"
- Spread: 18" - 24"



- Division/transplant tips: avoid disturbing or transplanting once established to avoid damage to the taproot.

### **Maintenance**

- Watering: low water needs
- Fertilization: no special needs
- Pinching/deadheading: Cutting old stalks to the ground encourages repeat blooms.

### **Common Problems**

Disease: some susceptibility to aster yellows and botrytis.

Insects: leafminers

### **Resources**

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=h930>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/gypsophila-paniculata/>

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Questions or problems: What's wrong with my plant for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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