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# Jeepers Creepers Foamflower Tiarella 'Jeepers Creepers'

Plant Height: 8 inches
Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches
Spacing: 15 inches
Sunlight: •

Hardiness Zone: 4a



Jeepers Creepers Foamflower flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Description:**

This fine selection displays a bold contrast in leaf color making it desirable in the woodland garden; flowers are larger than other varieties and the plant is more clumping than spreading

### **Ornamental Features**

Jeepers Creepers Foamflower has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive deeply cut lobed leaves are lime green in color with prominent dark brown stripes and tinges of burgundy. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous red in the fall.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Jeepers Creepers 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.

Jeepers Creepers 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**

Jeepers Creepers Foamflower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 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 shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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.

Jeepers Creepers 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.