



**Goatsbeard**  
*Aruncus dioicus*

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Goat's Beard

**Description:**

A mounded selection that features creamy white blooms that rise above green, ferny foliage in the late spring; preferring partly sunny areas, this variety is perfect for borders, containers or garden beds; low maintenance and easy to grow

**Ornamental Features**

Goatsbeard features showy spikes of creamy white flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy compound leaves remain emerald green in colour throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Goatsbeard is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Goatsbeard is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Goatsbeard flowers*  
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*Goatsbeard in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Bog Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Goatsbeard will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 6 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is native to parts of North America.