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Abbey Road Masterwort

Astrantia major 'Abbey Road'

Plant Height: 20 inches

Flower Height: 32 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Hattie's Pincushion

Description:

Beautiful purplish-white pincushion flowers rise on sturdy dark stems, with a backdrop of rich green leaves; great on streambanks or in a moist border, doesn't like to dry out; cut back after flowering for a second flush

Ornamental Features

Abbey Road Masterwort features airy cymes of purple pincushion flowers with white overtones and violet bracts rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated lobed palmate leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Abbey Road Masterwort is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Abbey Road Masterwort is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Abbey Road Masterwort flowers
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Abbey Road Masterwort will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 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 14 inches apart. 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!



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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.