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PLANTAIN-LEAVED PUSSYTOES

Antennaria plantaginifolia

Named for its cat-paw-like flower heads, this low-growing perennial makes an excellent ground cover. Leaves are woolly and silvery-green, and the flowers range from white (male) to light pink (female).

Benefits for Wildlife

- Great flowers for spring pollinators
- While the American Lady is best known for its host plant interaction, the four other butterflies listed below rely solely on this plant.

Host to 5 caterpillar species:
(common names) American Lady;
Oval Telethusia; Pussy's Toes Pyrausta;
White-spotted Midget; Agonopterix
Nebulosa

Benefits for People

- Deer resistant
- Interesting foliage
- Can form a groundcover and makes a great lawn replacement

Growing Information

Sunlight Full to dappled sun

Soil Type Gritty, rocky, dry
or well-drained.
Difficult to grow in
wet soil.

Height 6-12"

Width 1-2'

Flowering calendar April to June

Natural Habitat

- Dry open woodlands, rocky areas

