

**Botanical Name:** *Stachys byzantina*

**Common Name:** Lamb's Ears

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**PERENNIAL**



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Lamiaceae

**Origin:** Asia Minor, Caucasus

**Climate Zone:** USDA 4-9, Sunset 1-24

**Mature Height:** 4-6 inches, flower stalks 1 foot

**Mature Width:** 4-5 feet

**Plant Type:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Rosettes, groundcover

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flower Color/Details:** Purple on a wooly stalk

**Flower Season:** Late spring into summer

**Bark:** N/A

**Fruit:** N/A

**Foliage:** Wooly white to gray-green, silvery sheen, thick, soft, felt-like leaves

**Use:** Showy groundcover, filler in borders, rock gardens

**Floral:** Long-lasting in cut-flower arrangements

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts bees

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** No

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** Species spreads by surface runners, overwatering causes unsightly browning and rotting of base foliage.

**Soil:** Adaptable, well drained

**Exposure:** Full sun, part shade

**Water Requirements:** Low, drought tolerant

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L L M M / M

**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No

**Description:** Also known as *S. lanata*, *S. olympica*. Primarily grown for foliage, soft, fuzzy texture. Tolerates Black Walnuts.

**Maintenance:** Rake out loose, brown foliage twice annually, in fall and spring. Trim off old growth in early spring, before new growth begins. Pull out runners to control spread. Plants look best in low humidity, do not overhead water.



#1 Nursery Container