

# Heuchera villosa

## Hairy Alumroot

Tried and True  
Native Plant Selections  
for the Mid-Atlantic

Although Hairy Alumroot's native habitat\* in Virginia is mostly in the southwestern mountains, its five-inch wide, semi-evergreen leaves and late-season flower plumes make it worthy of consideration for a woodland garden. There also are many fine cultivars of this species available.



Ground Cover	Colony, Flowers
Height: 1½–2½ feet	 
Spread: 1–2 feet	
Bloom Color: White	
Characteristics	
Semi-evergreen herbaceous perennial with rounded clumping form	
Large, hairy, maple-leaf-like shape, sharply toothed, medium green leaves	
Tiny, whitish to pinkish flowers in open, airy panicles June to October	
Hairy flowering stems and leaf stalks	
Attributes	
Tolerates shade (prefers some shade in south); intolerant of drought (keep soil moist); no serious pests or diseases although crowns may rot in poorly drained soil; deer seldom severely damage	
Foliage should remain through milder winters	
Ethnobotanic and therapeutic uses	
Attracts butterflies, bees	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	Excellent Replacement for
Soil Requirements: Humus-rich, well-drained	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> - Ground Ivy
Light Requirements: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade	<i>Hedera helix</i> - English Ivy
Water Requirements: Moist	<i>Liriope</i> species
Remove faded flower stems to stimulate rebloom	<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> - Japanese Pachysandra
Apply mulch after ground freezes to protect roots	<i>Vinca minor</i> - Periwinkle
Divide clumps in spring every 3 to 4 years	
Use as edger along paths or walkways or en masse in woodland gardens or to control erosion	
Hardiness: USDA Zones 3–8	*It is not listed in the Flora of DE or PA. It is not native to DC.

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