

# PUSSY TOES

## ANTENNARIA

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

0.5 – 1.0' high, 0.5 - 1' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

#### Water

Dry to Medium

#### Maintenance

Medium

#### Life Span

Perennial, Zones 3-8

#### Description

*Antennaria* is a genus of herbaceous perennials that love dry, shady areas where they grow best as ground cover plants. There are several varieties with some featuring clumps of flowers versus single flowers, both resembling pussy toes with their wooly appearance. They bloom April through June with small white unscented flowers that can form in clusters of 20+ flowers (*Antennaria neglecta*) or with a single bloom on a stem (*Antennaria solitaria*). They are low growing plants spread by stolons that can quickly form a dense ground cover. There are two types of leaves; oblong basal leaves at the base and smaller leaves alternating on the stem. Pussy Toes is a host plant for the American painted lady butterfly caterpillar. It also attracts other pollinators and has no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), [NC State Cooperative Extension](#)



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