

FALSE GOAT'S BEARD

ASTILBE

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

2 - 3' high, 1.5 – 2.0' wide

 Sun/Shade

Part Shade to Full Shade

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Low

 Life Span

Perennial, Zones 4-9

 Description

Astilbe is a genus of 18 species of perennial, also known as False Goat's Beard and False Spirea, that grows well in moist soils with part shade to full shade, typically woodland gardens and shady areas. They feature a variety of sizes and flower colors in graceful fern-like mounds of basal leaves and clusters of tiny blooms which appear in June and July. The clumps can be divided every 3 to 4 years to avoid overcrowding. *Astilbe* also spreads by rhizomes. Removing spent flower stalks will not promote new blooms but may improve its appearance. Take care not to allow soil to dry out which could lead to foliage decline. *Astilbe* are resistant to rabbits and deer and have no serious insect or disease problems although they may have Japanese beetles chewing on their leaves.

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