

LADY'S FOXGLOVE

DIGITALIS PURPUREA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

2 -5' high, 1.0 – 2.5' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Herbaceous Perennial, Zones 4-8

Description

Digitalis purpurea, also known as Common Foxglove or Lady's Foxglove is an herbaceous short-lived perennial, sometimes treated as a biennial. It grows best in moist, organically rich, well-drained soils and can self-seed if the flower spikes are not removed after the first bloom. If the spikes are removed, a second bloom is encouraged. Common foxglove produces pink, purple and white blooms in late spring (May-June, same timing as roses) that are pendulum, funnel-shaped. The light green foliage is a source of the drug digitalis and is highly poisonous. When planting from seed, the first year only produces the foliage with the bloom occurring in year two. Foxglove is effective in gardens and borders providing both height and color to the landscape. It attracts hummingbirds while being tolerant of rabbits and deer. It does have several problems with both disease (powdery mildew and leaf spot) as well as insects. It can have root rot in soggy, poorly drained soil.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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