

# *Country Junction Greenhouse and Gardens*

## **Groundcover Catalog**

Updated for 2018

This is a partial listing of some of our sturdiest foot friendly groundcover perennials. These varieties thrive under moderate to heavy foot traffic. They and our other groundcovers are perfect for adding beauty to your family's favorite outdoor living areas: pathways, patios, curbsides and garden stairs, even lawns. Many also work as a living mulch.

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## **Brunnera Jack Frost**

**Part shade to shade Zone 2 12-16 inches tall.**

Jack Frost is grown for its lovely silver-coated foliage as well as for the light blue flowers that appear in spring. Large heart-shaped leaves brighten up shade gardens throughout the season. 2012 perennial of the year. Pink creeping phlox are pretty when mixed in with Jack Frost.



## **Creeping Phlox**

### **'Drummons Pink'**

Height: 4-6" Light: Full Sun

Spread: 18-24" Zone: 3-9



### **'Snowflake'**

Height: 4-6" Light: Full Sun

Spread: 18" Zone: 3-8

Creeping Phlox are an easy to grow ground cover or living mulch. They require well-drained soil to thrive. The blossoms cover the evergreen foliage in late spring. They are excellent in Rock Gardens.



## English Thyme

Height: 15”

Light: Full Sun

Zone: 4

English thyme is a small, evergreen, many-branched, aromatic shrub with gray-green leaves and white to pale purple flowers that bloom in summer. It is hardy to zone 4, likes a pH of 6.3, well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade. It tolerates poor soil.



### **Karmina Geranium**

**Sun/part shade 12" tall Zone 3**

A deep, rich raspberry pink color with aromatic, attractive, green leaves. A great groundcover that mixes well with Stachys (lamb's Ear) Silky Fleece. Deadhead to keep the flowers blooming. Divide every three or four years.



### **Max Frei Geranium**

**Sun/part shade 10-15 inches tall Zone 3**

Plant Max Frei en masse for a stunning ground cover. Reddish purple flowers bloom in may and june and rebloom through out the summer. The compact, mounding, shinny, dark green foliage often turns red in autumn.



# **Iberis-Candytuft**

**“Little Gem”**

**Height: 5-8 inches**

**Space: 12-18 inches**

**Full Sun Zone 3**

This spring bloomer is perfect for edging sunny paths or tucking between rocks. It forms a small, dense, slowly widening mound of dark green, evergreen foliage topped with snow white flowers. It likes dry, well-drained alkaline soil. Shear back by half after flowering to promote new growth.



## **Lavender Phenomenal**

**Sun 24-32 inches tall Zone 4**

Phenomenal is one of the hardiest lavenders with uniform and consistent foliage, a nice round form and a high oil content. Very little winter die back. It can be used as a foundation plant, a hedge or in a rock garden. The flowers are used in potpourri or to place among linens as the fragrance promotes restful sleep. It makes a statement on its own or is pretty when mixed with Karmina Germaniums.



## **Lamium 'Orchid Frost'**

Height: 6-8"

Light: Partial Shade to Full  
Shade

Zone: 2-9

Lamium is one of the best choices for a tough yet showy perennial groundcover. This selection forms a spreading patch of small silver leaves with a stunning blue-green edge. Clusters of rose-pink flowers appear in spring, then continue off and on until fall, appearing more reliably through summer than other varieties. Fairly tolerant of dry shade, once established. Trim back in late winter. Stems will root into the ground where they touch. Evergreen.



## **Phlox subulata ‘Drummond Pink’**

Height: 4-6”

Light: Full Sun

Zone: 2-9

There are many selections of Moss Phlox, all of them forming a low mound or cushion of dark green needle-like leaves, smothered by tiny flowers in late spring. This variety produces a showy display of pink flowers with deep pink centres, blooming earlier than some varieties. Medium-fast growth rate. Clip plants lightly immediately after blooming to encourage a dense habit. Wonderful in the sunny rock garden, for edging, and in mixed containers. Clumps may be ripped apart and divided in early fall, after 3 to 4 years. Requires good drainage. Drought tolerant, once established.



## **Phlox subulata 'Scarlet Flame'**

Height: 12-23"

Light: Full Sun

Zone: 2-9

There are many selections of Moss Phlox, all of them forming a low mound or cushion of dark green needle-like leaves, smothered by tiny flowers in late spring. This selection is smothered by bright scarlet-red flowers, each with a tiny darker eye. Clip plants lightly immediately after blooming to encourage a dense habit. Wonderful in the sunny rock garden, for edging, or in mixed containers. Clumps may be ripped apart and divided in early fall, after 3 to 4 years. Requires good drainage. Drought tolerant, once established.



## **Phlox subulata 'Snowflake'**

Height: 12-18"

Light: Full Sun

Zone: 2-9

There are many selections of Moss Phlox, all of them forming a low mound or cushion of dark green needle-like leaves, smothered by tiny flowers in late spring. This is particularly excellent form, becoming a mound of snowy white flowers for several weeks. Clip plants lightly immediately after blooming to encourage a dense habit. Wonderful in the sunny rock garden, for edging, or in mixed containers. Clumps may be ripped apart and divided in early fall, after 3 to 4 years. Requires good drainage. Drought tolerant, once established.



## **Polemonium 'Touch of Class'**

Height: 16-18"

Light: Partial Shade

Zone: 3-9

An easy and colourful low-growing perennial, this forms a mound of sage-green ferny leaves, each leaflet neatly edged in white. Clusters of lightly fragrant pale-blue bells rise taller in mid to late spring opening from pinkish buds. New fresh leaves continue to appear all season, keeping this variety looking good from spring through late fall. Ideal for edging a shady border or growing beside a woodland path. Appreciates average to moist soil conditions. Afternoon shade is recommended in warm summer regions. Trim back the flower stems as soon as blooming is finished.



## **Artemisia Silver Mound**

**Likes sun, 10 inches tall Zone 3**

Silver Mound is grown for its striking foliage. Finely cut leaves form compact, rounded mounds that are soft to the touch, Cut back so that it will re-mound to extend the season. Very hardy.

Goes well in the border or as an accent in the front of the flower garden. It makes pink and red perennials seem even more colorful . Quite free of pests. Easy to divide for more plants.



## **Nepeta**

### **'Walker's Low Catmint'**

Height: 2-2 1/2'

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone: 4-9

Showy periwinkle blue flower spikes adorn the fragrant mounds of gray-green foliage. Excellent for cascading off walls or container edges and as groundcover that is somewhat drought resistant with time. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



## **Stachys Silky Fleece Lamb's Ear**

**Likes sun Zone 4**

This dwarf version of Lamb's Ear has woolly white leaves with lilac-plum covered flowers, creating an appealing ground cover. Silky fleece is an excellent choice for the border or for contrast in the rock garden, It prefers well-drained soil. Often planted under roses for a mulch.



## Woolly Thyme

Height: 12-23”

Light: Full Sun

Zone: 2-9

One of the best Creeping Thymes for general groundcover purposes. This is a low, creeping species with fuzzy grey-green foliage, occasionally producing soft-pink flowers. A strong grower, ideal as a drought-tolerant lawn substitute or for planting between flagstones, tolerating moderate foot traffic. Woolly Thyme is easily divided in spring or early fall, and even small pieces will take root and grow. Evergreen.