

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Orthosiphon stamineus
Common Name	Cat Whiskers
Mature Size	2 to 3 ft.
Bloom Color	White or Lavender
Bloom Period	Warm Season
Bloom Form	Unique Spike
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Butterfly Attractant, Mixed Perennials
Special Features	Unique Flower, Easy to Grow
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



Cat Whiskers is a member of the mint family and is native to East Asia. It makes a great addition to a Southern garden, or as a potted annual in colder climates. The unusual white or lavender flower spikes with their funny 'whisker' like stamens are a good source of nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds.

The growth habit is shrub like and open, reaching mature heights of 2 to 3 feet. The unique flowers appear on new growth as soon as the night time temps begin to warm and the days get a bit longer. It is versatile and works well as a mass planting, as part of mixed perennial beds, or as a potted plant. There is also a cultivar with lavender flowers.

Cat Whiskers is easy to grow, and quick to establish, and requires little maintenance aside from regular pruning and feeding. The Orthosiphon species is used for a number of medicinal and cosmetic purposes in many cultures

Find a larger starter size **Cat Whiskers Plant** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

https://www.emeraldgoddessgardens.com/shop/index.php?main_page=advanced_search_result&search_in_description=1&keyword=cat+whiskers

For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.

Gift plants are our courtesy way of saying Thank You and that we appreciate your order, and are not covered by any Warranty that may apply to your paid order. We hope you will enjoy.