

Go Native!

Common Yarrow

Achillea millefolium



Common Yarrow, a perennial herb, found throughout North America is thought to originally come from Ireland. It is named after the Greek hero Achilles, who used it to treat battle wounds. A member of the aster or composite family, yarrow has flat-topped or dome-shaped clusters of small white flowers that bloom from April to October.

An attractive hardy perennial, yarrow can grow to 1m (3ft) and spreads through rhizomes. With a sweet scent it attracts and provides sustenance to pollinators. While a nectar source for butterflies and a host plant for native moths and beetles, its natural oils are known to repel mosquitoes.

Prefers clay, loam or sandy soil, full sun to part shade, drought tolerant, and can spread like a weed.

Common yarrow is toxic to cats, dogs and horses.

Companion plants are lavender, tomatoes, beans, spinach, basil, rosemary and thyme.