

Pearly Everlasting

Botanical name: *Anaphalis margaritacea*



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Description: A New Jersey native, easy to grow, found as a roadside weed, ours are propagated from those growing wild in the “it’s not a lawn, it’s a meadow area”, moved to the cultivated area.

Common names: Pearly Everlasting

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height: 18-24”

Blooms: Longlasting (hence the “everlasting”), small white/near white blooms, borne in 2” or wider, flat clusters of globular button-like heads; pearly white.

Soil: Almost any well-drained soil; will tolerate poor, dry soil, tolerates sand and clay

Propagation Methods: By division, herbaceous stem cuttings or seed. Self sows freely. Divide, and replant when overcrowded, usually after 3-4 years.

A host plant for American Painted Lady caterpillars, also a nectar source for bees, small butterflies and skippers. Deer resistant.

Anaphalis, from the Greek, ana (*ana*), "upwards, above, on, upon, up, high", and falos (*phalos*), "shining, white"

margaritacea, from the Latin *margarita*, "pearl"; hence "pearl like"

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