



## Lamb's Ear

*Stachys byzantina*

**Plant Description** – non-native, herb/wildflower, evergreen, perennial

**Height:** 0.75 – 1.5 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 1.5 ft



### Leaves

**Shape:** lanceolate

**Arrangement:** opposite

**Margin:** crenate

**Form:** simple

**Leaf Description:** 3-6 inches in length and width, thick, soft, hairy/velvety, gray-green leaves which typically form a rapidly spreading mat approximately 4-6 inches off the ground, flattened at the apex (tip), and underside may be purple

### Flower/Bloom

**Flower Color:** pink, purple, lavender

**In Bloom:** May - Jul

**Flower Shape:** labiate

**Flower(s) Description:** Less than 1 inch, growing upright from the center of the leaves, sessile (without a stalk), tiny, purplish-pink flowers rising above the foliage to 10-15 inches



### Fruits & Seeds

**Spreads via:** Seeds & Rhizomes

**Seed Type:** Nut

**Seed Season:** Fall

**Fruit and Seed Description:** brown/copper-colored dry fruit that does not split open when ripe

### Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies and Other Pollinators

### Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers average watering (*water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year.*)