

Heuchera

Heuchera spp.

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–9

SUNLIGHT

Part Shade

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

1–2 ft

DEER

Resistant

ORIGIN

North American native

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Heucheras have two significant problems most articles understate. First, frost heaving: in zones 5–6, the shallow crown is pushed out of the ground by freeze-thaw cycles each spring, requiring you to press it back down or the plant dies. Second, vine weevil larvae: this pest feeds on heuchera roots specifically and can kill plants in a single season. Both problems are manageable with simple steps -- mulch to prevent heaving; inspect and treat for vine weevil if plants mysteriously wilt. Choose appropriate cultivars for your sun/shade conditions.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/heuchera-care/>