

Yarrow

Achillea millefolium

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

3–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

2–3 ft

DEER

Resistant

ORIGIN

North American native

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Yarrow needs two things -- full sun and well-drained soil. Give it those and it almost manages itself. The catch: it spreads by both rhizomes and seed, and in fertile, moist soils it can overtake a bed. Divide every 2–3 years and deadhead before seed set to keep it in check. The named cultivars have better color stability and slightly more controlled growth than the straight species.

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/yarrow-care/>