

False Goatsbeard Astilbe biternata

This southern plant is thought to resemble a goats beard.



Description: A perennial with huge, feathery, flower clusters with fern like glossy leaves.

Size: 4-6 ft.

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Shade, part shade

Planting and Care: Moist, acidic or neutral soil. It prefers cooler temperatures but will do well in the heat provided the soil is not allowed to dry out. If planted in deep shade it won't bloom as often. When growing in containers be sure to under-pot them so that they have an excellent supply of oxygen to the root zone, then keep the soil light and airy but water almost every day when it is dry. Can bloom from April to July.

Ornamental Value: Its showy flower display is unusual for a shade plant.

Landscape Usage: Is a spectacular showy plant when used in a woodland, shade or cutting garden.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Flowers are used in flower arrangements.