


# GOMPHRENA Empress (*Gomphrena leontopodioides*)

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## CULTURAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION

*Gomphrena leontopodioides* Empress  is a highly versatile Australian native plant that will add year round colour to your patio or garden. It produces masses of globular purple flower heads (about 25 mm in diameter) which remain on the plant for months, contrasting nicely with its grey-green foliage. Plants grow to about 30 cm high by 40 cm wide. A habitually annual plant, *Gomphrena leontopodioides* can be grown as a perennial if pruned and fertilised after peak flowering. It is also drought tolerant once established and survives light frosts.



### USES

Highly versatile, ideal for mass plantings, rockeries, borders, cottage gardens or containers. Flowers continuously year round.

### POSITION & CARE

Prefers an open position in full sun and a well-drained potting mix or soil. Requires minimal watering once established. Lightly prune and add a slow release fertiliser every 4-6 months to encourage a new flush of growth and flowers. Drought tolerant once established, survives light frost.

### PLANTING GUIDE

For pots, use a good quality free-draining potting mix. For beds, cultivate the soil before planting. Dig a hole twice the width and depth of container, gently remove the plant from its container, and place the plant in the hole so that the pot soil is level with the surrounding ground level. Fill hole firmly and water well, even if the soil is moist. Do not over-water during the establishment phase. Avoid covering the crown of the plant with mulch or soil when back filling. Do not prune at planting, instead wait until the plant has established.

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