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Pearly Everlasting

Anaphalis margaritacea

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Perennial
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Poor sandy, dry or average
- Bloom Time: White flowers in July, August, September
- Size: 1-3ft in height; 1-2ft spread

Plant in rock gardens or to fill wide areas on slopes. It forms pearly mounds good for garden edges. Separate male and female flowers. Blossoms keep their color and shape well and are used in dried flower arrangements. Used by Native Americans as a substitute for tobacco and as a medicinal herb and in folk medicine as a salve for burns. Widely found and native to Cape Cod.

Garden Companions

Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Pussytoes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*), Sweet Everlasting (*Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium*), Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*)

Nature Benefits

- Food plant for painted lady butterflies
- Larval host plant to the American Lady and Skipper butterflies

Natural Habitat

Occurs in disturbed areas, fields, shores of lakes.