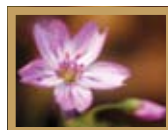


Gypsum Spring Beauty

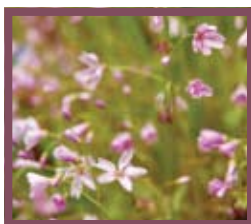
Claytonia gypsophiloides

Purslane Family, *Portulacaceae*



Good things come in small packages and this little dancer is a case in point. Although short in stature and common to moist, loose soils and serpentine, an up close look at the lovely pink to purple flower reveals yet another uncommon little marvel of nature. Five small petals form the flower with each lightly curved like a shallow ladle and notched at the tip. Each petal has its own thin stamen. Leaves are basal and fused. The look of the flower is open and free like spring itself.

Apr-Jul • Ma, So, Na, Me
3–25 cm, 1–10 in



Gypsum Spring Beauty

Siberian Candyflower

Claytonia sibirica

Purslane Family, *Portulacaceae*



This charming little perennial is common to moist, densely shaded areas. The flowers bloom through spring and summer, making an attractive carpet in damp places. The flowers are small with five white to pink candy striped petals. The lance to elliptical leaves are shiny and fleshy. The lower leaves are spatula or spoon shaped.

With its long blooming season and love of damp shade, this is a good perennial herb for the garden. Plant in shade to part shade, with minimum to moderate water or in pots where it can trail over the edge.

Mar-Aug •
Ma, So, Na, Me
5–60 cm, 2–24 in



Siberian Candyflower

