



## **Finicky Foxglove**

This striking plant is Digitalis or commonly called Foxglove. Foxglove is a biennial. Its natural habit is to die after two years, hopefully re-seeding itself in the meantime. A biennial sends out leaves the first year and flowers on the second, eventually dying on the third. Foxglove is a self seeding plant, so you may think you still have the same plant as the year before, but it has probably reseeded itself in that same location. So don't be upset with this finicky plant if it doesn't bloom every year, its just simply its nature. As they say, a Leopard can never change its spots.

If we have not received 1" of rain for the week, we suggest checking the top two inches of your soil for moisture. If its dry, give it a slow drink. Foxglove is susceptible to crown rot. A well drained soil is necessary for optimum growth.

Because Foxglove reseeds, it is often used in cottage gardens. A traditionally styled cottage garden tends to be planted full with multiple layers, repeating plant selections, and bloom times. The plant height is 4-5' tall and 2' wide making it a perfect back of the garden plant.

## **Can You Beat Creeping Charlie?**

Is it possible to over power the strength of Creeping Charlie? Our answer is **yes**\* note the aesterisk. I am adding an aesterisk to the answer because it takes time, patience, and help from your neighbor.

Active Ingredient:

Dicamba 3.6% MCPA, 2-ethylhexyl ester 56.14% Triclopyr, butoxyethyl ester 5%

Domyown.com an internet site that allows users to rank the effectiveness of DIY products gives this chemical a rating of 4.5 out of 5. Spurge Power works best when the broadleaf weeds are actively growing (now). The rate of spray is 1.25 fl. oz per 2 gallons of water. This chemical is a non-selective herbicide with the ability to volatilize, so do not spray above 80 degrees and watch wind speed as well. Be patient with seeing results and retreat the area if need be.

Spurge Power works on Violets, Dandelions, Clover, Creeping Charlie and many other broadleaf beasts.

We always suggest working with your neighbor if they have an issue to. Typically this little booger will vine and creep its way back in even if you have taken care of your problem areas.



## **Deer Resistant Annuals**



- Lantana
- Angelonia
- Lavender
- Salvia
- Ageratum
- Cleome
- Cosmos
- Datura
- Heliotrope
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Nicotiana
- Snapdragon
- Nicotiana
- Alyssum
- Gomphrena
- Geranium

Of course when they are hungry, watch out! This list is a compilation from multiple sites which remind us all that nothing is "deer proof."









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Snapdragon



