

WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES

GAURA LINDHEIMERI 'WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES'



SINCE WHEN IS SOMETHING SO DELICATE IN APPEARANCE SO DARN TOUGH? WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES, OR OFTEN KNOW AS SIMPLY "GAURA" (FROM THE GREEK WORD "GAUROS", MEANING "SUPERB") IS A TAP ROOTED PERENNIAL THAT SHOOTS MANY, MANY WHITE FLUSHED PINK BLOSSOMS OVER ITS HEAD WHERE THEY SEEM TO HOVER SUSPENDED IN THIN AIR ON THEIR WIRY STEMS. ANIMATED WITH THE LEAST OF BREEZES, IT BRINGS VIVACIOUSNESS TO ALL MANNER OF BORDERS. THIS SOUTH WESTERN NATIVE PLANT IS BOTH DROUGHT-TOLERANT AND LONG BLOOMING, TWO THINGS THAT DON'T ALWAYS OCCUR TOGETHER LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICES, IT CAN GET PRETTY LARGE, AROUND 3' TALL AND WIDE, BUT CAN BE HELD TO A SMALLER SIZE BY TRIMMING IT BACK IN EARLY SPRING TO ABOUT 1/2 ITS SIZE. ATTRACTIVE TO POLLINATORS!

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