**Euphorbia hypericifolia** L.  
**Baby’s-Breath Euphorbia**  
_(Chamaesyce glomerifera, Chamaesyce hypericifolia, Euphorbia bifida, Euphorbia glomerifera)_

- This species is also known as Black Purslane, Chickenweed, Eye-Bright, Flux Weed, Garden Spurge, Graceful Sandmat, Large-Spotted Spurge, Milk Purslane, or Tropical Euphorbia; this soft delicate plant features a rounded flowing mounded habit, with small, glabrous, elliptic to narrowly ovate, opposite, frilly, nearly sessile leaves, and a profusion of tiny white flowers offering a summer heat tolerant Baby's-Breath substitute; plants grow 18” to 24” (36”) tall with a similar or greater spread; the rich green apple colored leaves, which are sometimes splotched with red to maroon along the midrib on larger leaves, are held loosely on thin spindly bright green petioles; the specific epithet means leaves like _Hypericum_ or St. John's Wort.

- Numerous small clusters of tiny white flowers inhabit the upper tiers of the canopy, providing a great frothy foil for coarser texture foliage or flowers on other species in the planting; flowering begins in spring and will continue throughout the season to frost.

- _Euphorbia hypericifolia_ is native to many locations in the Western Hemisphere, including South Texas and other parts of the Central and Eastern USA; although tolerance to our regional summer conditions is variable among cultivars, several are strong performers with only minor stalling of flowering and growth during the hottest parts of summer; irrigation and periodic fertilization encourage lush growth and plants require well drained soils in a full to part sun location; pruning is not usually required; plants are sometimes reported as deer resistant and are moderately salt tolerant; plants are thought to be poisonous if ingested and the milky latex in the sap may cause a dermal irritation to some people; technically a tropical perennial in USDA zones 10 to 11, it functions as a summer annual in most of its useful range.

- _Euphorbia hypericifolia_ can be growth as a bedding plant in the garden, but works best as a component of patio containers or similar mixed container settings; cultivars of this species are handsome in their own right, but really shine when used to offset or highlight coarser textured components of container or landscape plantings.

- _Euphorbia hypericifolia_ 'Inneuphdia' (Euphorbia graminea 'Inneuphorbia' USPP17,567), more widely recognized under the trademark name of Diamond Frost®, and ??? are among the better performers for our region.

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