

Plant "Imagination"

Cacalia atriplicifolia



The common name is pale Indian plantain

Pale Indian plantain is an herbaceous perennial from the Asteraceae family. It grows in zone 3 to 8 and reaches a height of 3-6 feet and a spread of 2-4 feet. White blooms in July to August. It prefers full sun to part shade and it will naturalize. Prefers moist soils which do not dry out. Freely self-seeds in optimum growing conditions. If grown from seed, large basal leaves will appear the first year, but flowering stems may not appear until the second or third years. Flowering stems may be cut back to the basal foliage after bloom to encourage a lower, secondary bloom.

Features: flat-topped clusters (corymbs) of tiny, white tubular flowers atop thick, rigid, leafy flowering stalks rising from the basal foliage. Fan-shaped basal leaves (to 12" wide) are thick, leathery, and coarsely toothed and lobed. Stems and lower leaf surfaces are covered with a grayish-white bloom hence the "pale" part of the common name.