

# Ritchie

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### Drumstick Primrose

*Primula denticulata*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Himalayan Primrose, Cowslip, Polyanthus

#### Ornamental Features

Drumstick Primrose features delicate panicles of lilac purple star-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems in early spring. Its small serrated oval leaves remain lime green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Drumstick Primrose is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Drumstick Primrose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



*Drumstick Primrose flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Drumstick Primrose in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Drumstick Primrose will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.



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