

Brass Buttons



Because of their low, mounding habit, they are often used as edging along paths or in containers. Try cutting a few of the tall flower scapes for fresh bouquets.



Leptinella squalida 'Platt's Black'

- **Use:** Textural, flat & ferny. Very pretty & extremely easy ground-cover for shade. Ever-black in our mild climate, it's darkest with a bit of sun, showing some green in full shade. Quite shallow rooted, it tolerates clay & you can easily divide it & increase your supply.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor leaf color. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** To only 1" tall & at least 1' across, it spreads congenially (without going bald in spots) & is perfect for growing between stepping stones, since it tolerates footsteps.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-11; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Delicate, fern-like leaves (to 2" long and to 1/2" wide) are obovate. Foliage will tolerate some foot traffic.
- **Flower:** Dark gold flowers bloom in early summer, and are followed by tiny fruit. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are considered to be particularly ornamental.

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