

VALERIAN OR ALL-HEAL

Valeriana officinalis (vah-ler-ee-AH-nah oh-fiss-ih-NAH-liss)

PERENNIAL I CAPRIFOLIACEAE FAMILY

ZONES: 4-9

EXPOSURE: FULL SUN

MATURE HEIGHT: 48-60" | SPREAD 24-48"

BLOOM: WHITE-PINK I MID SUMMER

— healing plants

HERB & VINE











This hardy, aromatic herb was carried by Medieval bridegrooms to ward off sprites and it is rumored the Pied Piper used Valerian to entice the rats. The flowers of All-heal are white to pink with a unique aroma.

- Therapeutic*: roots & rhyzomes used for their sedative effects. Used historically to treat insomnia and anxiety and is sold as a sleep aid in Europe. Its antispasmodic properties may have a positive effect on cramps and muscle spasms.
- Used also in foods, perfumes, tinctures and teas. Cats are attracted to the plant as they are with Catnip.
- Spreads by rhizomes and seeds, so may become weedy.

<u>Caution</u>: modern studies have found it to be effective but may cause agitation, dizziness or headaches.



