CUCUBALUS baccifer
(SILENE baccifer)
Berry Catchfly
Item No.: CA780

**Plant Description**

**Life Cycle**
Perennial

**Family**
Caryophyllaceae

**Origin**
Eurasia, North Africa

**Special Features**
Pendulous, yellow-white blooms and shiny, black, berry-like fruits. Can be trained as a climber.

**Basic Colour**
(yellow / gold)

**Flower Colour**
yellowish-white

**Natural Flowering Period**
July - September

**Flowering**
First year flowering

**Winter Hardiness Zones**
Z6 - Z9

**Foliage**
oblong

**Growth Habit**
stoloniferous / climbing

**Height with Flowers**
120 cm

**Spacing between Plants**
60 cm

**Soil Requirements**
dry / well-drained

**Location**
Characteristics: decorative fruit

**Cultivation**

**Grams per 1000 seeds**
1.72414 Gram

**Seeds per Gram**
580 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)

**Gram to get 1000 plants**
5 Gram (if sown directly into pots etc. you will need a larger quantity)
Sowing Direction

(16) See 15 with the exception of germination being slower and more irregular. This poses no problems.

(15) Rapidly germinating, keep seed in constant moisture (not wet) with temperatures of about +20°C [68°F]. Seeds must be covered thinly. Do not cover very small seeds, but tightly press into the earth. Keep in cooler conditions after germination occurs.

Scheduling

Cutting back at Transplanting
Cut back 1-2 times; once at transplanting; once again 4 weeks later to keep more compact.

Growing On

Container Size(s)
1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2") / 2-3 plugs per 15 cm (6")

Vernalization
No vernalization required for flowering in the first year.

Forcing
There has been no research, but an obvious place to experiment - following vernalization - would be raising daytime temperatures to 60° - 65°F (15° - 17°C). Provide 16 hours of continuous lighting. During the short days of winter, provide a night interruption lighting of 4 hours between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Some later flowering species can be forced in 14 - 16 weeks and perhaps sooner at warmer temperatures. Further experiments are warranted.

Fertilizer
Medium (150-200 ppm)