



ORIGANUM vulgare ssp. hirtum

(heracleoticum)


Greek Oregano, Pizza Oregano

Item No.: OA096

Also available as: Organic seed

Portion Price (usually sufficient for approx. 50 plants)	1g Price (0.1-9.9g)	10g Price (10-99.9g)	100g Price (100-999.9g)	1000g Price (1000-9999.9g)	10000g Price (10000-99999.9g)
2,00€	3,20€	22,00€	140,00€	980,00€	-

Plant Description

Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Lamiaceae
Origin	Greece, Macedonia and Turkey: heaths and rocky areas.
Special Features	The true Greek oregano - the long popular culinary herb with a strong distinct flavoring. Small pink blooms, mostly white, intensive fragrance. Attracts bees and butterflies. Edible flowers.
Basic Colour	(white / cream)
Flower Colour	Mostly white, rarely pink
Natural Flowering Period	July - October
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z4 - Z8
Foliage	tightly clustered, orbicular, light-green
Growth Habit	clumping / compact / low-growing / bushy / wintergreen
Height with Flowers	45 cm
Spacing between Plants	30 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / sandy / well-drained
Location	
Characteristics	medicinal plant / tea herb / culinary herb / groundcover
Usage	honey-bee food plant

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	0.09091 Gram
Seeds per Gram	11000 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Gram to get 1000 plants	3 Gram (if sown directly into pots etc. you will need a larger quantity)



Sowing Rates/Trays	4 - 5 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	128 / 288
Sowing Direction	(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

Best Sowing Date	Anytime (northern Hemisphere, Field condition)
Sowing to Germination	2 - 4 weeks
Germination to Transplant	4 - 6 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	4 - 6 weeks
Cutting back at Transplanting	Not Necessary.

Growing On

Container Size(s)	1 plug per 8/9 cm (3 1/2") / 1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2")
Vernalization	There is no current research on vernalization but a prudent recommendation for any perennial would be 6-12 weeks (a few might need 15 weeks!) at an average daily temperature of 40°F (5°C). Exposure to cold may not be necessary for flowering but might improve quality.
Forcing	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.
Fertilizer	Light (100-150 ppm)