



MALVA moschata f. alba


[White Perfection]

Musk Mallow

Item No.: MG038

Also available as: Pure seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Malvaceae
Origin	Europe, North Africa
Distinction	Award of Garden Merit (A.G.M.) from the Royal Horticultural Society.
Special Features	True white flowering seed strain of the musk mallow.
Basic Colour	(white / cream)
Flower Colour	pure white
Natural Flowering Period	June - September
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z3 - Z8
Foliage	basal leaves rounded to palmate, 3-5 lobed, upper leaves more deeply divided, 5-7 lobed
Growth Habit	erect
Height with Flowers	50 cm
Spacing between Plants	50 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / average
Location	
Usage	suitable for cutting

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	1.85185 Gram
Seeds per Gram	540 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	2 - 3 per cell



Plug tray recommended size(s)	72 / 128
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	3 - 4 weeks
Germination to Transplant	4 - 8 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	6 - 10 weeks
Cutting back at Transplanting	Cut-back once to keep more compact.

Growing On

Container Size(s)	1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2")
Vernalization	A prudent recommendation would be to provide 6-12 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	Medium (150-200 ppm)