





SAPONARIA ocymoides 'Snow Tip'

White Rock Soapwort

Item No.: SG150

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Caryophyllaceae
Origin	Mountains of Spain, South France, Italy and Alps
Special Features	First true white falling variety from seed.
Historical	The result of years of breeding work, all beginning with one chance white flowering seedling. Introduced by JELITTO PERENNIAL SEEDS in 1996.
Basic Colour	(white / cream)
Flower Colour	pure white
Natural Flowering Period	June - July
Flowering	First year flowering
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z3 - Z8
Foliage	dark green, oblong to lanceolate
Growth Habit	stoloniferous / hanging / low-growing
Height with Flowers	25 cm
Spacing between Plants	40 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / well-drained / alkaline
Location	 
Characteristics	groundcover
Usage	for the rock garden / for green roofs

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	1.49254 Gram
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Seeds per Gram	670 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	2 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 - 6 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	4 - 8 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	Some flowering will occur the first year without vernalization, but improved flowering will occur the 2nd year; and 3-10 weeks of cool temperatures might benefit fuller flowering in the first year.
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)