




STACHYS byzantina 'Silky Fleece'

Dwarf Lambs' Ears

Item No.: SA620

Portion Price (sufficient for 50-100 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)
2,90€	5,80€	46,00€	360,00€	-	-

Plant Description

Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Lamiaceae
Origin	Turkey, Iran
Special Features	A dwarf lambs' ear - fuzzy leaves that beg to be touched. The silver gray foliage blends well with the different colors and textures of virtually all groundcovers.
Historical	Introduced by JELITTO PERENNIAL SEEDS in 2006.
Basic Colour	(violet)
Flower Colour	lilac-plum
Natural Flowering Period	July - August
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z4 - Z7
Foliage	soft, silky gray. Horizontal only 5 cm high foliage
Growth Habit	stoloniferous / cushion-forming / low-growing
Height with Flowers	25 cm
Spacing between Plants	25 cm
Soil Requirements	well-drained / average
Location	
Characteristics	ornamental foliage plant
Usage	honey-bee food plant / for the rock garden

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	1.51515 Gram
Seeds per Gram	660 (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	3 - 4 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	late autumn - early spring (northern Hemisphere, Field condition)
Sowing to Germination	3 - 6 weeks
Germination to Transplant	4 - 8 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	6 - 10 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)