



GYPSOPHILA cerastioides

[Pixie Splash]

Mouse Ear Gypsophila

Item No.: GG336

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Caryophyllaceae
Origin	Himalayas
Special Features	A low mounding Baby's Breath with mouse-eared leaves and diminutive white flowers with pink veins on the insides. Outstanding, easy-to-grow rock garden species that is suitable also for containers and window boxes. Interesting groundcover candidate.
Historical	From the Greek gypos (gypsum) and philos (loving).
Basic Colour	(white / cream)
Flower Colour	white with pink veins
Natural Flowering Period	May - June
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z4 - Z8
Foliage	tiny, fresh green, mouse-eared (spatulate-shaped)
Growth Habit	groundcover / cushion
Height with Flowers	8 cm
Spacing between Plants	25 cm
Soil Requirements	gritty / well-drained
Location	
Usage	for the rock garden / flowering pot plant

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	0.41667 Gram
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Seeds per Gram	2400 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
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	Anytime (northern Hemisphere, Field condition)
Sowing Time Hint	Germination occurs in 1-2 weeks.
Sowing to Germination	1 - 2 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	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	Light (100-150 ppm)