



EUPHORBIA polychroma



(epithymoides)

Cushion Spurge

Item No.: EG240

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Euphorbiaceae
Origin	South Germany and Southeastern Europe: dry woodland edges and slopes.
Distinction	Award of Garden Merit (A.G.M.) from the Royal Horticultural Society.
Special Features	Low maintenance perennial coming into Spring flower following daffodils. Chartreuse-colored flowering bracts. Avoid contact with the milky sap of the leaves that can cause dermatitis.
Historical	Genus allegedly named for Euphorbus, 1st century doctor of King Juba II of Mauritania.
Basic Colour	(yellow / gold)
Flower Colour	light yellow
Natural Flowering Period	May - June
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z4 - Z8
Foliage	glaucous green colored leaves with warm autumn colors of yellows to bronze
Growth Habit	round / clumping / low-growing / bushy
Height with Flowers	40 cm
Spacing between Plants	45 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / well-drained / undemanding
Location	 
Characteristics	toxic plant / groundcover

Cultivation



Grams per 1000 seeds	4.42478 Gram
Seeds per Gram	226 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	2 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	open flats / 72
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	Varying temperatures beneficial, day 24°C, night 15°C.
Sowing to Germination	3 - 4 weeks
Germination to Transplant	4 - 8 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	6 - 10 weeks
Cutting back at Transplanting	Not Necessary.

Growing On

Container Size(s)	1-2 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	This species is not a suitable candidate for forcing.
Fertilizer	Medium (150-200 ppm)