





LEWISIA Cotyledon-Hybr. 'Sunset-Strain'

Lewisia

Item No.: LG131

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Portulacaceae
Origin	USA: California and Southwest Oregon
Distinction	Award of Garden Merit (A.G.M.) from the Royal Horticultural Society.
Special Features	A longtime favorite among rock gardening enthusiasts. Often in September reblooming. Outstanding plant for container production, looks good in garden centres. In warmer conditions a northern exposure with a cool root run is preferred.
Historical	The genus is named after Virginian, Meriwether Lewis, leader of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the first to cross the North American continent in 1804-1806. 'Sunset Strain' was developed by nurseryman, Jack Drake, of Scotland.
Basic Colour	(mixture)
Flower Colour	mixture of pure colors from red, pink to orange and yellow
Natural Flowering Period	May - June
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z5 - Z8
Foliage	succulent, leaves form a starfish-like rosette
Growth Habit	rosettes-forming / flat / evergreen
Height with Flowers	25 cm
Spacing between Plants	30 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / well-drained / average
Location	 
Usage	for the rock garden / flowering pot plant



Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	0.71429 Gram
Seeds per Gram	1400 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	2 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	72 / 128
Sowing Direction	(16) See 15 with the exception of germination being slower and more irregular. This poses no problems. (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

Growing On

Container Size(s)	1 plug per 8/9 cm (3 1/2") / 1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2")
Fertilizer	Light (100-150 ppm)