




IBERIS aurosica 'Sweetheart'

Pink Candytuft

Item No.: IG004

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Brassicaceae
Origin	West Alps, North Spain
Special Features	Dazzling show of pink blossoms which turn to brilliant lilac. Rich flowering cushions, short lived. Easy-to-grow, pink Iberis!
Historical	Introduced by JELITTO PERENNIAL SEEDS in 2000.
Basic Colour	(pink / salmon)
Flower Colour	pink changing to lilac
Natural Flowering Period	May - July
Flowering	Second year flowering
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z5 - Z9
Foliage	dark green, lanceolate-spatulate
Growth Habit	cushion / bushy
Height with Flowers	15 cm
Spacing between Plants	25 cm
Soil Requirements	dry / well-drained
Location	
Usage	for the rock garden

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	1.16279 Gram
Seeds per Gram	860 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)



Sowing Rates/Trays	2 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	128 / 288
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 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	This species is not a suitable candidate for forcing.
Fertilizer	Light (100-150 ppm)