







PERENNIAL GROUND COVERS



ARABIS (Arabis caucasica) 4800 sds/g

Start seed indoors January or February; germinate at 24C (75F) for 21 days. Press seed into contact with the soil but do not cover as light is essential for germination. Zone 4. Two grams sows three square metres.

6320 - SNOW CAP (Rock Cress)

Snow white flowers in early spring. An excellent ground cover all season long. Freely flowering, compact plant habit. Reaching typically 20 cm (8") tall but may get a bit bigger. Zone 4

Growing tips...

If you have a spot in the yard where growing a lawn is difficult, consider a perennial ground cover. You can directly sow most perennial ground covers into your soil or for a head start, grow indoors under-lights or in the greenhouse, begin seedlings indoors mid March through May.

ARENARIA

(Arenaria montana) 800 sds/g Hardy to Zone 4. May need one growing season in the garden before it flowers. Sow indoors Jan. through April. For blooms in late May. Germinates at 20C (70F) in 20 days. Grow-on slightly cooler, around 13C (55F). Do not cover seed as light helps germination. Transplant to a garden site in full sun.

6330 - MOUNTAIN SANDWORT

Creeper with attractive white flowers. Blooms 2.5 cm (1") across sit just above the foliage and flower early May. Plants spread up to 20-30 cm (10-12") across while keeping their low growing habit of 5-10 cm (2-4"). Tolerant of moderate foot traffic. Ideal for pathways, or in rockeries

ARMERIA

(Thrift) 1700 sds/g A hardy perennial that is sometimes erratic to start from seed. Germinates at 15C/60F in 28 days. Soak seed several hours prior to sowing. A late summer sowing in August will also work. Hardy to Zone 3. Two grams sows 2.5 square metres.

6335 – MARITIMA SPLEN-DENS

Also known as Sea Pink. For its abundant rose coloured blooms in late spring and early summer. Low evergreen foliage. Grow to 20cm (8") height. Sow at 1000 seeds per square metre.

AUBRETIA

(Aubretia cultorum)

2500 sds/g Sow seed indoors April at 15C/60F for 14-21 days. Note – higher temperatures have an adverse effect on germination. Two grams sows three square metres.

6350 - SOAPWART OR SAPONARIA

6340 - FALSE ROCK CRESS

Low growing carpet of dense green foliage smothered with flowers of pink, crimson and blue shades only 15cm (6") tall. Great for rockeries or walls. Grows best in full sun. Vigorous and free-flowering. Zone 4

CERASTIUM

(Cerastium tomentosum) 2100 sds/g

Excellent perennial ground cover. Sow seed indoors mid-Mar at 18F/65F or directly in the garden mid to late May. Grows to 20cm (8") tall. Zone 3. Two grams sows 4 square metres.

6345 - SNOW - IN - SUMMER

Snow white, late spring flowers with silvery foliage and a prolific spreading habit. One of the best ground covers for hot, dry areas and poorer soil conditions.

SOAPWORT

(Saponaria ocymoides)

440 sds/g Cover seed with a fine sifting of soil. Resents transplanting. Sow directly outdoors early May or late fall. Hardy to Zone 3. Sow 5 g per two square metres.

6350 – SOAPWART or SAPONARIA

Flowers June/July. Grows to a mature height of 15cm (6").



THYME

(Thymus serpyllum)

5100 sds/g Direct garden sow early May or start indoors March 1st. Germinate at 20C/70F for 14 to 21 days, sometimes longer. Outdoors grow plants in full sun. Dormant fall sowings are very effective too. Hardy to Zone 4 (1 gram sows 6 square metres.)

6355 - CREEPING THYME

Thrives in dry, sunny locations. May be lightly mowed from time to time. Grows 15cm (6") tall. Excellent for filling in between patio stones. Small purple flowers appear early July and produce a nice lemon scent when brushed.