

# Gertens Plant Info.



## Snowfix Wall Cress

*Arabis caucasica* 'Snowfix'

Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 5 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Rock Cress

### Description:

A nicely uniform, compact mounded variety that is covered with fragrant white flowers in spring for several weeks; perfect for walls and rock gardens; can shear after blooming for best appearance

### Ornamental Features

Snowfix Wall Cress is covered in stunning lightly-scented white buttercup flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early to mid spring. Its small narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

Snowfix Wall Cress is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Snowfix Wall Cress is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Snowfix Wall Cress flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Snowfix Wall Cress in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Snowfix Wall Cress will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 10 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Snowfix Wall Cress is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

