Purity Candytuft

Iberis sempervirens 'Purity'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

Often treated as a perennial, this is actually a low growing shrub; features a springtime cover of snowy white flowers and deep evergreen foliage, benefits from a good snow cover; requires good drainage

Ornamental Features

Purity Candytuft is smothered in stunning lightly-scented white flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Purity Candytuft is an 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purity Candytuft is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Purity Candytuft flowers
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Planting & Growing

Purity Candytuft will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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