

Lobularia maritima

(Sweet Alyssum, Seaside Lobularia 'Oriental Nights')

Lobularia maritima can be both perennial or annual, but is mostly cultivated as annual. It has fine, linear leaves of light green color. It's white flower has four small petals, and are sweet-scented.

Sweet alyssum is a coastal plant that tolerates drought and salty winds of the sea. It grows in full or partial sun, requires average watering, and mostly do well in sand or loam.

Used usually in containers and beddings, or in rock garden and near pathways.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lobulaire maritime, Alysse maritime
Arabic Name: خرم الإبرة البحري
Pronunciation: lob-yoo-LAR-ee-uh muh-RIT-tim-muh
Plant Type: Groundcover
Origin: Mediterranean, Canary Islands
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Spreading
Canopy Density: Dense
Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m
Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm
Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Umbel

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, White

Seasons: Year Round

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Downey Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Beetles

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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