Gypsophila muralis **Garden Bride**

Garden Bride has single flowers and can be used as a bedding plant, in patio containers, window boxes or hanging baskets. It forms neat mounds in the garden but cascades gently, softening edges in containers and baskets.

- Single flowers on airy, rich-flowering plants with finely-textured foliage
- Easy to grow, with a short crop time for improved profitability
- Stays in constant bloom for quick sale
- Excellent for hanging baskets and mixed patio containers

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**Culture Guide**

**Plug Culture**

**Stage 1** (days 1-5) Multi sow plug trays with 8-10 seeds (raw seed) or one multipellet per cavity filled with a sterile and well-drained media. Optimum pH is 5.5-6.5. Lightly cover the seed with coarse vermiculite only as seeds require light to germinate. Maintain a temperature of 20°C. Multi-seed pellets are available to facilitate sowing.

**Stage 2** (days 6-21) After seedlings emerge, lower the temperature to 15-16°C and place seedlings in a bright and well-ventilated area. Fertilize with 75 ppm N to promote strong growth.

**Stage 3** (days 22-35) Optimum EC level is 1.0-1.2 (1:2 slurry). It is best to water early in the day to prevent botrytis. Fertilize at 150 ppm N using a well-balanced calcium nitrate based formulation.

**Stage 4** (day 36) The plugs are approaching transplant stage. Reduce fertilizer to prepare the plants for transition to the final container.

**Pack & Pot Culture**

In general Gypsophila is suited for cell packs, 10-12 cm pots, hanging baskets or as a component in mixed containers and baskets.

**Media** Use a well-drained sterile media with a pH between 5.5-6.5.

**Transplanting** Give extra attention on watering after transplanting: plants should never be allowed to dry out.

**Temperature** Optimum growing temperature is 15-16°C, but plants tolerate higher temperatures. Higher temperatures, especially >30°C, will reduce flowering.

**Fertilizer** Use of a well-balanced calcium nitrate based fertilizer at 150 ppm N produces strong and healthy plants. Optimum EC level is 1.2 (1:2 slurry). Adding Osmocote to outdoors pots will maintain the fertilizer level during rainy periods.

**Lighting** Gypsophila does best in full sun in cool Summer areas or partial sun in warm summer areas.

**Growth regulators** Gypsophila Garden Bride is more vigorous than Gypsy but usually does not require chemical growth regulation. However, under low light conditions or for small pot production, the use of B-Nine (daminozide) is effective in reducing plant height.

**Pests & diseases** Aphids, Botrytis, Rhizoctonia and Pythium.

**Crop schedule** Cell pack: 8-9 weeks from sowing. 10-12 cm pots: 12-13 weeks from sowing. Hanging baskets: 16 weeks.
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