

Botanical Name: Lobularia maritima

Common Name: Sweet alyssum

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape much-branched, spreading plant with rounded form--fine

textured foliage rounded clusters of purple flowers

Height 4-6' Spread 12" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to part shade

Soil average soil--grows in most any soil

Hardiness hardy--zones 10-24

Morphology:

Leaves linear to narrowly lanceolate to 1"long, 1/8" wide

glabrous, densely set on stems

Flowers purple to white in racemes--small tubular 4-petaled honey-

like scent, attracts bees

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: seed--self sows in garden

Usage: low facer in beds, borders--used as a cover over bulbs--

good in rock garden containers, and as a temporary groundcover (while ivy or

permanent groundcover fills in)

Landscape Care:

Watering average--not fussy

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting

Pruning head back occasionally to keep compact

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: So.Europe Family: Cruciferae