

Botanical Name: Leucojum aestivalis

Common Name: Summer snowflake

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Amaryllidaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping perennial bulb with narrow, strap-like leaves and white, nodding, bell-shaped flowers in winter or early spring

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 1 ft or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade; grows well under trees

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy; zones 1-10, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves narrow, strap-like leaves to 18" long, soft and fleshy in texture, lacking the prominent midrib and strong leaf veins found in Narcissus species

Flowers small clusters (3 to 5) of small white, bell-shaped-flowers with a distinctly nodding habit; small green dots appear at flower margins

Fruit small fleshy capsule to ½" long

Propagation: division of clumps when very crowded

Usage: excellent naturalized bulb for use in large drifts, mass plantings, under deciduous trees and in beds, large or small; bends well with other bulbs but can tolerate summer watering; very easy bulb to grow

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering during growing season but can tolerate some drought when dormant; will tolerate regular summer watering

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning remove dead foliage after bulb goes dormant in late spring

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other divide only when very crowded; plants are slow to establish

Origin: Mediterranean region of southern Europe