

## Pyramidal Saxifrage

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### Pyramidal Saxifrage *Saxifraga cotyledon*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: **D**

Hardiness Zone: 4a

#### Description:

A mat forming variety producing large, flat rosettes of strap-shaped leaves; pyramidal panicles of white flowers rise up in late spring to summer; rosettes die after blooming, but plant readily reseeds; perfect for a partially shaded rock garden



*Pyramidal Saxifrage*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### Ornamental Features

Pyramidal Saxifrage features showy panicles of white cup-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. Its small serrated narrow leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive white edges throughout the year. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Pyramidal Saxifrage is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pyramidal Saxifrage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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### Planting & Growing

Pyramidal Saxifrage will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Pyramidal Saxifrage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.