



White Splendor Bitterroot
Lewisia cotyledon 'White Splendor'

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 5 inches

Spacing: 4 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Cliff Maids, Siskiyou Lewisia

Description:

Stunning primrose-like flowers of brilliant, pristine white rise above the deep green, spoon shaped foliage in late spring; a succulent plant that is perfect for rock gardens, walls or border front plantings

Ornamental Features

White Splendor Bitterroot has clusters of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer, which are interesting on close inspection. Its attractive succulent oval leaves emerge light green in spring, turning dark green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

White Splendor Bitterroot is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Splendor Bitterroot is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



White Splendor Bitterroot in bloom
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Planting & Growing

White Splendor Bitterroot will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow 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 only be grown in full sunlight. It requires an extremely dry, well-drained growing location, and will usually die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

White Splendor Bitterroot is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.