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Snowsurfer™ Forte Candytuft

Iberis sempervirens 'Forte'



Snowsurfer Forte Candytuft flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Snowsurfer Series

Description:

A springtime cover of snowy white flowers over a perfect mound of dark green evergreen foliage; great for cascading over rocks and walls; drought tolerant once established; requires good drainage

Ornamental Features

Snowsurfer Forte Candytuft is smothered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with chartreuse eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.



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Landscape Attributes

Snowsurfer Forte Candytuft is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Snowsurfer Forte Candytuft is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Snowsurfer Forte Candytuft will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.