

**Culture Advice    Lobularia maritima**  
Sweet alison

<b>Description:</b>	The sweet alison is a continuous-blooming plant for mixed balcony boxes, hanging baskets and tubs, and is suitable for bed planting in full sunlight; its blooming period is especially long. Bee-attracting plant!
<b>Potting:</b>	11 to 13 cm pots, approx. 35 ... 20 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; calendar weeks 6 to 12 20 to 25 cm hanging baskets (1 plant per basket); 16 ... 9 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; calendar weeks 2 to 8.
<b>Substrate:</b>	Porous, loose substrate of Type 2. pH approx. 5.5 to 6.0
<b>Fertilization:</b>	High; apply a liquid complete fertilizer (0.15 to 0.25 %) once a week. Watch out for iron deficiency symptoms during cultivation. They can be easily remedied with conventional iron chelate fertilizers.
<b>Temperature:</b>	16 to 18 °C at the beginning, then reduce to 12 to 14 °C after 3 to 4 weeks; cool cultivation conditions are recommended. "Cool Morning/DIF" reduces the inhibitor demand and improves quality.
<b>Light:</b>	Full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Starts in mid-April depending on light conditions; early in April in case of cold cultivation (if no extra light is used).
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	1 to 2 x Topflor 0.05 % approximately 2 weeks after pinching.
<b>Pinching:</b>	Pinch 1 week after potting, or immediately in case of suitable young plant sizes.
<b>Diseases and pest:</b>	Lobularia maritima reacts sensitively to waterlogging and extended dry periods (shedding of leaves, leaf yellowing); avoid overhead watering where possible. White fly, miner fly, plant lice, flower thrips and botrytis may occur. Take hygienic precautions!