

Sweet Alyssum

Lobularia maritima

Right: *Lobularia* 'Blushing Princess' has pink and white flowers that are borne more sparsely than newer cultivars

Below: *Lobularia* 'Clear Crystal White' flowers



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Family: Brassicaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous perennial
Size: 6” tall and 12-18” wide
USDA Hardiness Zones: annual, reseeds
Leaves: linear, apex acute
Leaf Color: medium green
Fall Color: none
Flowers: white or pale pastels, petals obovate
Fruit: small
Light: full sun to part shade
Moisture: dry to medium, well drained
Insect/Disease Issues: few
Nativity: Southern Europe
Location in the Gardens: Annual beds in spring and fall



Culture & Landscape Value:

Easily grown from seed or plug. Can be sheared to encourage repeat bloom. Blooms best in cool, dry locations. Will often reseed and come back the next year. Flowers are fragrant and smell of honey. It can grow in the cracks in walls or as a groundcover.

Notes:

Lobularia is derived from the Greek word meaning ‘small pod’, referring the shape of the fruit. The Brassicaceae family also includes cabbage, turnips, and wall-flowers (*Erysimum*)
 Pollinated by insects, including bees.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec