PROPAGATION

Iberis

Iberis sempervirens



TRAY & ROOTING

Form

Unrooted Cuttings
(URC)

Rooting Hormone

Yes

Tray Size(s)

72, 105

Plants Per Cell

Wks. From Stick To
Transplant

Pinch?

Yes

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist? **No**

Days from stick to pinch

Fertilizer Rate 50-75 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])

21-28

EC Range Moderate: (2.0-3.5 mS

via SME)

pH Range **5.4-5.8**

TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature **72-78°F (22-26°C)**Average Air Temperature **65-72°F (18-22°C)**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency dry moderately between thorough waterings

LIGHT

Supplemental No Benefits From Shade? No

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Pythium, downy mildew, powdery mildew

POTENTIAL PESTS

fungus gnats

PGR SUGGESTIONS

• Optional 300-500 ppm Florel (3.9% Ethephon)

CULTIVAR LIST

Tuff Candy, White Shadow



'Tuff Candy'

TIPS

- Place under high mist for a few days until rooting begins. Then move to a moderate mist until about 0.5-inch (1.3 cm) roots develop. Then move to a low mist until cuttings are rooted to bottom and sides of the cell and are ready to be moved out of propaga
- Pinch 1-2 times: soft pinch at liner planting & again 4 weeks later to maintain even growth.

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FINISHING

Iberis Open Cultivar(s)

Iberis sempervirens

VERNALIZATION

Vernalization Required? Beneficial, but not necessary

Vernalization Duration

Minimum

6-8 weeks

Vernalization Temperature 35-40°F (1.6-4.4°C)

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
4 in./qt (10-12 cm)	1	12-14
6 in./Gal. (15-16 cm)	2	12-14
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FERTILITY

150-200 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16

Fertilizer Rate [15-0-15 under low-light

conditions])

EC Range Moderate: (2.0-3.5 mS via SME)

pH Range **5.4-5.8**

TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature **55-65°F (13-18°C)**Night Temperature **45-55°F (7-13°C)**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency

Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles

LIGHT

Photoperiodic requirements **Daylength Neutral**

Supplemental? **None**

Benefits From Shade? **No**

PINCHING

Finishing Pinch? Yes

Transplant to pinch (days) 14-21

POTENTIAL DISEASES

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POTENTIAL PESTS

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PGR SUGGESTIONS

• 5-6 ppm Sumagic (0.055% Uniconazole) for toning as needed

TIPS

- Keep temperatures as cool as possible to maintain/promote a compact mounding plant habit
- As spring temperatures start to rise, apply PGRs before the plant begins to flower.
- Temperatures should be above 60°F (16°C) for best growth during bulking. For flowering, plants will begin to flower under natural spring conditions as temperatures increase.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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First Year Flowering? Yes

Bloom Time

Spring

Exposure Full Sun

Hardiness Zone 4-9

Height **4-8 inches (10-20 cm)**

Width **6-18 inches (15-45 cm)**

DESCRIPTION

One of the best early perennials with evergreen foliage.

CONSUMER APPEAL

- The bounty of fragrant blooms helps to jump start spring sales during the waning days of winter and early spring. The glory of this plant is that it will rebloom in the autumn with close to the same potency as its spring-time display.
- The floriferous bounty of blooms helps to attract bees and butterflies. Iberis is comparably deer and rabbit resistant.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- Unlike many groundcovers, Iberis is very well behaved and is easy-to-control if it spreads past its designated boundaries.
- A perfect rock garden perennial for cascade plantings over large boulders. Excellent along sunny borders and beside patios or walkways.
- Iberis requires well-drained soils; it will perish in heavy saturated soils.
- Iberis is evergreen in warmer climates but is only semievergreen in harsher winters. Cut back 1/3 of the plant after the first bloom to encourage reblooming and improved plant habit.

NATIVITY

Southern Europe



COMPANION PLANTS

Phlox, Alstroemeria, Paeonia, Monarda

COMMON NAME(S)

candytuft, perennial candytuft



'White Shadow'

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