

***Alyssum serpyllifolium*, Alpine Alyssum.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(3x12 inches)

Quite different from the more common annual Alyssums, this first rate rock garden perennial is easily grown in a variety of settings. Flat mats of gray-green foliage are topped with minute clusters of yellow flowers in spring and often again in fall. Excellent for a trough or the rock or crevice garden with well drained soil.

1GAL \$7.49 #1907

***Alyssum stribyrni*, Alpine Alyssum.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(3x10 inches)

Similar to the above but with grayer, denser cushions and paler yellow flowers. Overall, the Alpine Alyssums represent one of the better groups of rock garden plants for the Midwest.

4inch \$4.95 #2892

***Dianthus pinifolius*, Alpine Pink.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(12x12 inches)

Compact tufts of needle-like foliage from which wispy stems of fragrant pink flowers grow. This stays very small is a perfect candidate for a trough. Hardy.

1GAL \$7.45 #0422

***Euphorbia nicaeensis*, Nice Spurge.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(12x24 inches)

This native of Southern Europe is hard to come by. Similar to the Myrtle Spurge, but with shorter stems of longer, narrower leaves and similar clusters of chartreuse flowers. The leaves and stems turn a deep, saturated red in winter to add to the effect. Comes from warm areas, but quite hardy in our gardens here.

1GAL \$9.45 #0809

***Gypsophila petraea*, Alpine Baby's Breath.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7?)(3x12 inches)

A cushion-forming, alpine plant perfect for troughs and rock gardens. Loose mounds of needle-like green foliage and rounded clusters of tiny white flowers give an appeal totally different from other plants in this genus. Very easy to please.

1GAL \$7.45 #2488

***Leontopodium alpinum*, Edelweiss.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(12x12 inches)

A characteristic alpine of the European Alps and an enduring symbol of the Bavarian culture. I don't know if you could call this showy, but it possesses a floral quality quite different from any other plant. From grassy rosettes of silvery leaves grow the curious, fuzzy 'daisies' that look like they're made from fabric. The teddy-bear of the plant world. Requires good drainage.

1GAL \$7.45 #2068

***Saxifraga longifolia*, Rockfoil.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(6x12 inches)

One of the most unusual plants in the plant kingdom, this cliff and crevice dweller from the Pyrenees is one of those plants you have to see to believe. The horticultural equivalent of the starfish, this forms silver encrusted rosettes of very narrow, needle-like foliage that emanate from a single point like the spokes on a bicycle. The rosette continues to grow and gain size for 6-8 years until at one point it sends out a 3 foot long cascading, conical cluster of hundreds of white flowers. When this blooms, every other plant in the landscape seems to disappear. An alpine plant, perfect drainage is essential.

4INCH \$3.95 #1783