

# Arabis Little Treasure™



## Culture Guide

**Botanical name:** *Arabis caucasica*

**Product form:** Seed

**Containers:** Quarts, Gallons

**Habit:** Mounded

**Vernalization:** Required

### Garden Specifications

**Garden Height:** 4–8" (10–20 cm) tall

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**Exposure:** Part sun

**USDA zone:** 3–7

**AHS zone:** 7–3

**Product use:** Containers

### Germination

Stages 1 & 2

**Germination time:** 7–10 days

**Media temp:** 68–70 °F (19–21 °C)

**Chamber:** Optional

**Light:** Required for germination

**Seed cover:** No

**Moisture level: 4 - WET:** Soil is dark brown but not shiny, no free water is seen at the surface of the soil, when pressed or squeezed water drips easily, and trays are heavy with a visible bend in the middle.

**Rec. tray size:** 288-cell tray

**Seeds per cell:** 3–4

### Young Plant Production

Stages 3 & 4

#### **Temperature**

**Day:** 64–66 °F (18–19 °C)

**Night:** 60–62 °F (16–17 °C)

**Average daily temperature:** 62 °F (17 °C)

#### **Lighting**

**Day extension lighting:** Not necessary

**Light intensity:** 1,000–1,200 foot candles (200–250 micro mols) for the first two weeks after sticking or until root development occurs. Light levels can be increased up to 3,000 foot candles (600 micro mols) as rooting increases and the cutting matures.

**Day length response:** Day neutral

**Daily light integral:** 10–12 mols/day

**Media pH:** 5.5–5.9



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**Media EC:** SME 0.25 to 0.5 mS/cm

**Fertilizer:** 50–75 ppm N

**Moisture level:** Media should be allowed to dry between irrigations. Alternate between moisture level 2 and 3.

**2 - MEDIUM:** Soil is light brown in color, no water can be extracted from soil, and soil will crumble apart.

**3 - MOIST:** Soil is brown in color, strongly squeezing the soil will extract a few drops of water, and trays are light with no visible bend.

**Pinching:** No

**Plant growth regulators (PGRs):** Not necessary

**Plug grow time:** 6–7 weeks in a 288-cell tray

**Comments:** Do not keep plugs overly wet and avoid high ammonium feeds to avoid lush growth.

### Bulking and Vernalization

**Vernalization:** Required

#### **Bulking**

**Bulking Time:** See Scheduling Section

**Temperature:** 66–68 °F (19–20 °C)

**Pinch:** No

**PGR:** Not Necessary

#### **Vernalization**

**Vernalization Time:** 5–8 weeks

**Temperature:** 40–50 °F (4–10 °C)

**Tech tip:** When bulking allow only enough time to grow the plant within an 1" (2.5 cm) of the edge of the finish container before the start of vernalization. This will decrease the chance of disease and make growth more manageable in the spring.

## Finishing

### Temperature

**Day:** 68–70 °F (20–21 °C)

**Night:** 60–62 °F (16–17 °C)

**Average daily temperature:** 64 °F (18 °C)

### Lighting

**Day extension lighting:** Not necessary

**Light intensity:** 6,000–8,000 foot candles

**Day length response:** Day neutral

**Daily light integral:** 14–16 mols/day

**Transplanting:** Transplant directly into the finished container. Place the rooting media slightly above the level of media in the container. Make sure the root ball is covered and that the plug is situated in the center of the pot.

**Media pH:** 5.8–6.2

**Media EC:** SME EC: 0.9–1.3 mS/cm, PourThru EC: 1.4–2.0 mS/cm

**Fertilizer:** 75–125 ppm N

**Pinching:** No. Pinching is not recommended or needed.

**Plant growth regulators (PGRs):** If grown with low ammonium feed and cool temperatures, PGRs should not be needed. But, if needed a B-Nine® WSG spray at 2,500 ppm can be used.

**Tech tip:** The length of the photoperiod has no effect on the time to flower or the number of blooms produced on Little Treasure.



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**Common pests:** Aphids

**Common diseases:** Botrytis, Pythium, Rhizoctonia

## Scheduling

Size	Crop Time			Plants Per Pot
	Bulk	Vern.	Finish	
1.0 quart (4.5 to 5 inch)	5–6 weeks	5–8 weeks	6–7 weeks	1–2 ppp
1.25 to 2.5 quart (5.5 to 6.5 inch, trade gallon)	6–7 weeks	5–8 weeks	6–7 weeks	2–3 ppp

Estimated finish crop time is from transplant of a 288-cell tray and finished at an average daily temperature (ADT) of 64 °F (18 °C).

## Example crop schedule for a 1.0 quart

Weeks From Transplant	Description
1 week	Transplant one plug in the center of a quart container
6 weeks	Finish the bulking period once the plant is 1/3 to 1/2 the size of the final container. Then, begin the vernalization period
13 weeks	Finish the vernalization period and start to increase the temperatures to force flowering
19 weeks	Finish



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