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# SHEL MERDINE

SECOND NATURE



## London Pride

*Saxifraga umbrosa*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: St. Patrick's Cabbage, Whimsey, Pyrenean Saxifrage

### Description:

A low growing perennial evergreen plant great for all year round color, suitable for container growing or in low borders; Ideal as a stand out plant in a shady area

### Ornamental Features

London Pride has masses of beautiful spikes of white star-shaped flowers with pink eyes and red spots rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive serrated oval leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

London Pride is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

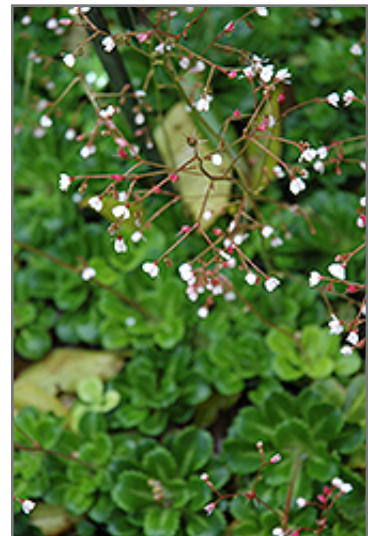
This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

London Pride is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



London Pride in bloom  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



London Pride flowers  
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### Planting & Growing

London Pride will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

London Pride is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

**At Shelmerdine, we treat this plant as a "HOBBY PLANT" meaning that it is not recognized as winter-hardy in our Zone 3 climate. However, there is a possibility that it could survive winter. Regardless of whether it survives a winter or not, this plant is only warrantied until Nov. 1 of its season of purchase.**