



Common Snowdrop
Galanthus nivalis

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Ornamental Features

Common Snowdrop features dainty nodding white bell-shaped flowers with green tips at the ends of the stems in early spring. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Common Snowdrop is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Common Snowdrop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Common Snowdrop will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.



Common Snowdrop flowers
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Common Snowdrop in bloom
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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 multiplication of the underground bulbs.