

## Ornithogalum Thrysoides - Seeds - buy 1 get 1 free



Commonly known as the Star of Bethlehem and the wonder flower, the Ornithogalum thrysoides is part of the family of Hyacinthaceae.

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**Description** These are white or off-white with green or brown shading in the centre, which fades over time. These flowers last a long time, once open, and bend towards the light. The leaves are fleshy and sword-shaped, and only number about six per stalk. They feel soft and smooth to the touch.

**Common name:** Star-of-Bethlehem, Chinchinchee, Snake Flower, Prussian Asparagus.

**Color:** White, Orange

**Bloom time:** The Ornithogalum thrysoides flowers from October to February, providing lasting blooms that grace gardens and landscapes with their pristine blooms during the hottest months.

**Height:** 4 to 24 inches (10—60 cm).

**Difficulty level:** Medium

**Planting & Care**

Full sunlight through to full shade. Good drainage. Rich soil. In the early spring supply a top dressing of manure. Provide frequent feeds with weak fertilizer. Divide frequently to maintain vigor. Deadhead before seed-set to prevent spreading.

**Sunlight:** Sunny and shady areas.

**Water:** Keep soil moist throughout the growing season.

**Temperature:** 60°F (16°C).

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer in every 2 months.

**Care:**

- It is easiest to grow Star of Bethlehem, Sun Star and other Ornithogalum from bulbs, these should be planted at from 7 to 15 cm deep in the spring (for summer flowering) or Autumn (for spring flowering).
- The Star of Bethlehem should be planted at about 10 to 15 cm apart into a rich soil.
- Ornithogalum species are able to grow in both sunny and shady areas of the garden, but they do require good drainage.
- If growing Ornithogalum from seeds then it is best to sow the seeds in flats in the spring (lightly cover the seeds).
- The flat should then be covered with a plastic bag, and placed in the fridge for about three weeks.
- The flat should then be sunk into the ground in a shady part of the garden and allowed to germinate, Ornithogalum can take anything

from one to six months to germinate.

- Once young seedlings appear transplant them to their final location.

**Care:**

- It is fairly easy to look after Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum bethlehem*) and Chinkerinchee (*Ornithogalum thyrsoides*) and similar species; they should be fertilized in April by mixing manure into the soil; they will also require a light fertilising until the end of the summer.
- Once established *Ornithogalum* may encroach, so weed as appropriate.

**Special Feature:**

These plants are best propagated by splitting the bulbils from the main bulbs and planting these.

Use

**Ornamental use:**

- *Ornithogalum thyrsoides* grows well in gardens and provides pretty bursts of white amongst the green foliage.

**Note:**

They are poisonous for horses and cattle, if consumed.

**Reference:**

<http://www.sa-venues.com/plant-life/ornithogalum.htm>