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From Seed to Harvest: A beginner's guide to growing Galium Odoratum

Galium Odoratum, also known as Sweet Woodruff, blooms in the spring, and it is a low maintenance plant. It is frequently grown in herb gardens, rock gardens, natural areas, borders in the shade or as groundcover or edging. It has lance-shaped leaves with square-ish stems. The flowers are beautiful, showy and even edible. It can reach up to 12 inches in height, and it is a perennial that will return year after year.

To plant:

Plant Galium Odoratum in soils with a pH of 4.8 to 8.3. Plant the seeds directly in the garden in the spring, and to do so, lightly spread the seeds over the area and barely cover them with soil or peat moss. Water the area immediately after planting. Start the seeds indoors up to 10 weeks before the season's last frost date and then transplant outside after the last frost. When planting indoors, lightly spread the seeds in a container and lightly cover the seeds with peat moss. Water the container and keep it in the refrigerator for two weeks. Then, move the container to a cool and lighted area like a basement. Once the seeds germinate, you can move them to a warmer location.

To grow:

This plant will grow vigorously in wet and moist conditions, but it can grow fine in dry shades as well. Since the plant has creeping roots and self-seeds, if its growth is too aggressive, gardeners can utilize withholding water as maintenance for controlling the growth if it is too aggressive. Galium Odoratum is deer resistant and rabbit proof.



[Galium Odoratum seed available at ufseeds.com](http://ufseeds.com)

To harvest:

The scent of Galium Odoratum, often described as freshly mowed hay, will increase when the plant is dried, so it is often harvested for use in potpourri and sachets. It is even used commercially in perfumes. Harvest the leaves immediately after the plants bloom. Tie the branches in bunches and hang to dry in a warm, dark place with low humidity.

What Galium Odoratum craves:

This plant does not require any fertilization to better its growth.

Where to buy Galium Odoratum seeds:

You can find Galium Odoratum seed that will produce rich and dark leaves with bright, white flowers that will bloom in the late spring or early summer on our website at [ufseeds.com!](http://ufseeds.com)



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