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*Cerastium tomentosum*

[Synonyms : *Cerastium biebersteinii*, *Cerastium columnae*]

**SNOW-IN-SUMMER** is a mat-forming perennial. Native to south-eastern Europe (especially southern Italy, and Sicily) it has small daisy-like, white flowers.

It is also known as *Argent* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Dusty miller, *Filziges Hornkraut* (German), *Hopeahärkki* (Finnish), Jerusalem star, *Rožec plstnatý* (Czech), *Silverarv* (Swedish), and Snow plant.

*Tomentosum* means 'densely woolly, hairy or matted hairy'.

It is believed to have been introduced to Britain in about 1648 and today is said to be most unpopular with gardeners.