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*Iberis sempervirens*

[Synonyms : *Aethionema longistylum*, *Biauricula sempervirens*, *Iberis commutata*, *Iberis garrexiana*, *Iberis serrulata*]

**EVERGREEN CANDYTUFT** is a semi-evergreen shrub. Native to southern Europe (particularly Italy and Sicily) it has small white flowers.

It is also known as Candytuft, *Corbeille-d'argent* (French), Edging candytuft, *Iberka vždyzelená* (Czech, Slovak), *Immergrüner Bauernsenf* (German), Perennial candytuft, *Porcellana minore* (Italian), *Schleifenblume* (German), *Štěničník vždyzelený* (Czech), *Vinterflip* (Swedish), and *Vinteriberis* (Swedish).

*Sempervirens* is made up of Latin *semper* (always) and *vivo* (to live, be alive) components meaning 'evergreen'.

Some authorities say that evergreen candytuft was introduced to Britain in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century while others claim it reached the Country about 100 years later in 1820.