

Star of Bethlehem



Fragrant!



Ornithogalum oliophyllum/ balansae

- **Use:** Virtually unknown in cultivated landscapes, this species of star-of-Bethlehem is a superb spring-flowering perennial for rock and alpine gardens. It's native to the high elevation meadows and screes from the Balkans of southern Europe eastward to Georgia. Naturalizes, but not an aggressive spreader.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full/part sun; Water occasionally, until established. Use slow release fertilizer. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Stems grow 6-8 inches high.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial. All parts of plant are poisonous.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Medium green leaves to 6 inches long.
- **Flowers:** Dense clusters of starry flowers appear on top of 12"-24" spikes, making it a valuable cut flower. It's also a valuable garden plant because its blossoms are so long lasting in the mid-late summer garden.