

# Statice Sea Spray



Most often seen as a dried flower, the prickly heads of tiny white flowers are popular for using in wreaths and other arrangements. Attractive to butterflies.



## *Goniolimon/Limomnium tataricum*

- **Use:** Not only an interesting addition to home flower gardens, but is also commercially grown for the floral industry. The flowers are attractive both fresh cut (often used as filler) and dried (dried flower arrangements). Short enough to use in the rock garden, edging or in containers, and reliable for producing a showy display. Drought tolerant once established. Plants must have good drainage, particularly in winter.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun in dry, sandy, well-drained soils and good air circulation. The more sun the more intense blue flowers. It thrives in less than ideal garden conditions. Salt tolerant to plant on the coast too.
- **Growth:** Reaches 1-1.5' tall wide and 1-2' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-10; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi evergreen; Basal rosette of leathery green leaves.
- **Flower:** In summer to 12-18" tall bearing airy, branched, spreading panicles (to 5" long) of miniature tubular flowers with white to light blue outer sepals (calyx) and tiny rose-pink inner petals (corolla). From a distance, flowers basically look white. For drying flowers, it is recommended that the stems be cut just before the flowers open fully and then hung upside down in a dry, cool, shady location with good air circulation.