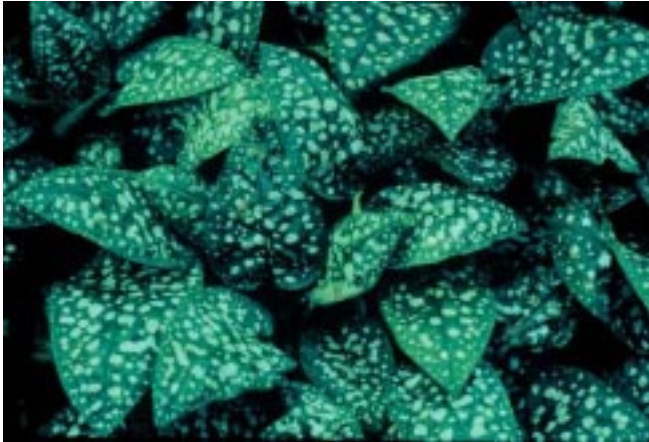


ONLA's May 2002 "Plant of the Month"

'Sissinghurst White' Pulmonaria *Pulmonaria saccharata* 'Sissinghurst White'



'Sissinghurst White' Pulmonaria

This Pulmonaria cultivar has crisp, starchy-white flowers that contrast nicely in May with cultivars such as 'Mrs. Moon' with pink buds that open to azure blue in color as they mature and with *Pulmonaria rubra* 'Red Start' with its salmon-pink blooms.

Excellent low-growing perennial (about a foot tall and wide) for shady, moist sites. Though it will flower well in spring sun, the foliage will decline in hot, open sunny areas - so at least partial shade is best.

Pulmonaria was given its name (along with the common name of lungwort) because of the white to silver splotches on the leaves that reminded early physicians of a diseased lung. It has ever been in search of a more pleasing moniker, and Bethlehem sage is used by those wishing to show more respect.

These leaf blotches are in fact a major horticultural feature of the plant and continue to provide garden interest into the summer, long after the March-May floral finery.

Powdery mildew fungal disease on the leaves is sometimes a problem, but it comes later into the season and is often masked by the natural whitish leaf spotting. *Pulmonaria* is truly one of the mainstay shade perennials.

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*'Sissinghurst White' Pulmonaria
with 'Mrs. Moon' Pulmonaria*



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