

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Classification	Lobelia trade group for summer planting; no particular cultivar guaranteed
Delivery form	Three plants, each in an 11 cm nursery pot
Flowers	Small white two-lipped flowers on fine stems
Growth	Finely branched, trailing to creeping; suitable for container edges
Position	Bright to sunny; protect from strongest midday sun in summer heat
Water	Keep root ball evenly moist, free drainage
Season	Frost-sensitive summer-flower cultivation; no fixed flowering duration or winter promise

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Choose bright light with sun or light partial shade; soften hot midday sun on strongly heated balconies.	Comparable summer lobelias flower well in moderate temperatures; strong heat may slow flowering.
Planting	Wait for frost-free conditions for outdoor planting. Prepare a box or basket with clear drainage holes.	This culture is planned as frost-sensitive. An attractive edge cannot replace reliable drainage.
Watering	Keep the root ball evenly moist. Check compost moisture and pot weight, water thoroughly and let excess drain.	Small pots and baskets can dry rapidly in wind and sun. Fixed watering days do not suit every weather pattern.
Compost	Use humus-rich, structurally stable and well-drained compost; retain previous planting depth.	Roots need available moisture and air. Constantly waterlogged soil encourages root and stem problems.
Feeding	During active growth, give suitable flowering-plant feed according to its instructions; consider pre-fertilised compost.	Container culture needs nutrient replacement. More feed fixes neither dryness nor an overheated position.
Tidying shoots	After flowering slows, moderately shorten overlong or bare shoots with clean scissors.	Pruning can support compact branching; renewed flowers still depend on condition and cultivation.
Cool season and checks	Protect or finish the summer planting when frost threatens. Check drainage, shoot bases and root ball regularly.	Unprotected winter culture is not guaranteed. A flower alone cannot distinguish wetness and heat damage.

Knowledge that grows

White flowers on fine, moving shoots

Close up, each flower looks almost like a small white fan: three broader lower lobes open forwards with two narrow upper lobes above. Fine stalks carry them over a dense network of green branches. Leaves vary in shape, some narrow and pointed, others broader; many edges carry small teeth. This delicate structure creates a soft transition between container and surroundings. Young plants in the originals are still compact in their nursery pots. Trailing and creeping describe the offered habit, not an already complete long flower cascade. This portrait treats such trailing lobelias as a summer-flower trade group. It fixes no particular botanical species, private clone or white Richardii cultivar.

Three young plants for your own container plan

The specific offer consists of three plants, each in an 11 cm nursery pot. They can create a basket or box display, but not every container size sensibly holds all three. Usable root space, clear drainage holes and space between crowns matter. Set root balls so shoots can later grow over the edge without being squeezed during planting. The pictured plants illustrate white flower form; flower number and current appearance may vary. A finished balcony box, hangers or tools are not included in this plant delivery. Pot diameter is the supported planning measurement. Neither numerical delivery height nor a fixed later mature size is guaranteed here.

Choose light while allowing for summer heat

A bright balcony or terrace with morning and evening sun often suits container culture. More sun may also suit in a moderate summer, provided the root ball remains reliably supplied. Beside a hot wall or heated stone floor, a place softening strongest midday sun is worthwhile. Light partial shade still means a bright outdoor position, not a dark indoor corner. After protected pre-cultivation, acclimatise gradually to the new sun exposure. Wait for frost-free conditions for planting and have shelter ready for an unexpected cold spell. Summer-lobelia sources show that strong heat can slow flowering. Fewer flowers in midsummer therefore first prompt checks of position and supply, not immediately more feed.

A moist root ball needs free drainage

Summer lobelias are not cared for by allowing the entire root ball to dry completely between waterings. The aim is even moisture around roots. Check soil slightly below the surface and compare container weight. A hanging basket in particular can look dry above while deeper sections remain wet. Water onto the compost until the root ball is supplied, then let surplus drain. Remove residual outer-pot water. Sunny windy days need more frequent checks; consumption can fall in cool weather. When shoots hang, first check root-ball moisture and heat. An already wet root ball does not automatically need more water; constantly waterlogged roots can also cause problems.

Humus-rich compost and restrained feeding

Humus-rich potting compost that holds water yet remains loose enough for air and drainage suits boxes and baskets. Check that drainage holes are open before planting. Set plants at their previous depth, gently firm soil around the ball and water in. A densely filled basket dries differently from one nursery pot, so care follows the actual container. During active growth, suitable flowering-plant feed supports supply. Its dose and fertiliser already present in compost determine the approach, not a blanket weekly quantity. For a wilting plant, check water balance, temperature and roots first. Feed cannot compensate for missing light, a dry root ball or standing water.

A soft edge with room for neighbours

Fine white flowers form a calm edge beside stronger summer-flower colours. Choose neighbours with similar water needs and positions: a thirsty lobelia beside succulents needing dryness makes supply unnecessarily difficult. Leave enough space between crowns so shoots are not constantly pushed together. Carry the container when moving rather than pulling thin branches. After a flowering flush declines, overlong or bare shoots may be shortened moderately. Clean scissors avoid unnecessary crushing. Pruning is a care approach, not a guaranteed repeat-flowering promise. Whether the plant becomes denser and flowers again also depends on warmth, light and root-ball condition. Later shape can be observed without promising a fixed shoot length.

Follow summer cultivation attentively

Plan these lobelias as frost-sensitive summer planting. No particular lifespan, unprotected winter hardiness or flowering until a fixed calendar day is inferred from the trade name. When frost threatens, shelter is sensible if you wish to continue tending the display; overwintering success still remains open. Check shoot bases and drainage regularly during the season. If branches soften or turn brownish, first see whether the root ball remains continuously wet and the container drains sufficiently. With a dry root ball and heat, instead adjust supply and position. Individual yellow leaves do not provide a reliable diagnosis. Work gradually on the actual visible cause rather than feeding more, watering more and pruning radically all together.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created flower and leaf detail based on shop originals. Small white flowers and fine branches; no particular flower coverage guaranteed.



Unchanged shop original 1: white flowers and green leaves in detail; the trade name determines no additional white cultivar.



Unchanged shop original 2: the whole young plant in its nursery pot. No delivery height or later mature size is measured from the photograph.



Unchanged shop original 3: young leafy flowering culture form; flower number and appearance remain variable.

Good to know

Is the white lobelia a particular Richardii cultivar?

It is described here as a trailing Lobelia trade group. The shop name establishes neither a particular white cultivar nor definitive species; white flower form is documented.

What does the set include?

Three plants, each in an 11 cm nursery pot. No numerical delivery height or fixed later mature size is guaranteed here.

How often should I water?

Keep roots evenly moist and check as needed. Sun, wind and container change consumption. Water must drain freely; no rigid watering day.

Does it tolerate a sunny south-facing balcony?

In strongly heated conditions, soften hottest midday sun and check root moisture more often. A bright position with light partial shade may then be better.

What helps when flowering declines?

Check heat, root-ball moisture and drainage. After a flowering flush, shorten long shoots moderately and feed appropriately during active growth; renewed flowering is not certain.

Can the basket stay outdoors in winter?

Cultivation is planned as frost-sensitive. Protect from frost or finish the seasonal planting; an unprotected winter position is not guaranteed.

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