

Bells of Ireland (Molucella laevis)

Bells of Ireland *(Molucella laevis)* is a half-hardy annual that produces unusual pale green to emerald green, funnel shaped "bells" along green stems. The papery bells are densely packed along most of the length of the square stems that can reach up to one meter (3.3 ft.) in height. Clusters of 6.5 cm (2.5 in.) long leaves alternate between the bells, with pairs of small thorns or spines below each calyx.

Grofit Flower Seeds improved selection features:

- excellent seed germination
- tall, vigorous plants
- five to eight thick stems, each bearing many bells
- a long vase life

Culture Guidelines

Primary Uses: Cuttings, bedding, borders, and as a filler in dry arrangements

Seeding: Bells of Ireland can be direct seeded at approximately 9 cm (3.5 in.) intervals.

Temperatures: Warmer temperatures are preferable for good, vibrant growth. Optimal temperature

range is 15-45°C (60 -110°F). The plant will not grow well in hot, humid climates in

the summer.

Light: Prefers full sun.

Irrigation: Water regularly to keep soil moist.

Fertilization: Reacts favorably to fertilizer application.

Soil: Can grow in most soil types. Good drainage is a pre-requisite.

Seed Weight: 130/gram or 3685/oz.

Standard Packaging: 125000 per packet. **Availability:** Year-round at affordable prices

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