

Green Roof Wildflower Mixture



Green Roof Wildflower Seed Mix developed by the John Chambers team, offering a British Native Wildflower seed mix, specifically developed for installation on green roof environments.

Includes up to 30 species of varying size but mainly low-medium height native wildflower and herbs suited to growing in low depth, low fertility substrates. Ideal for creating a new green roof system (species subject to change). The wildflower green roof mix attracts a high diversity of wildlife including native pollinating species.



Figure 1 - Early growth of the John Chambers Green Roof Mix

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Ribwort Plantain - Plantago lanceolata	Scabious; Field - Knautia arvensis
Common Knapweed - Centaurea nigra	Selfheal - Prunella vulgaris
Agrimony - Agrimonia eupatoria	St John's Wort; Perforate Or Common - Hypericum perforatum
Bedstraw; Lady's - Galium verum	Toadflax; Common - Linaria vulgaris
Bird's-foot-trefoil; Common - Lotus corniculatus	Vetch; Kidney - Anthyllis vulneraria
Burnet; Salad - Sanguisorba poterium	Viper's-bugloss - Echium vulgare
Buttercup; Bulbous - Ranunculus bulbosus	Buttercup; Meadow - Ranunculus acris
Campion; Bladder - Silene vulgaris	Campion; White - Silene latifolia
Cowslip - Primula veris	Corncockle - Agrostemma githago
Daisy; Oxeye - Leucanthemum vulgare	Cornflower - Centaurea cyanus
Hawkbit; Autumn - Leontodon autumnalis	Chamomile; Corn - Anthemis arvensis
Hawkbit; Rough - Leontodon hispidus	Forget-me-not; Field - Myosotis arvensis
Mallow; Musk - Malva moschata	Marigold; Corn - Glebionis segetum
Marjoram; Wild - Origanum vulgare	Chamomile; Scentless - Tripleurospermum inodorum
Mignonette; Wild - Reseda lutea	Pansy; Field - Viola arvensis
Plantain; Hoary - Plantago media	Poppy; Field or Common - Papaver rhoeas

Table 1 - Due to availability, species and proportions may vary at time of order. This is at the discretion of John Chambers Wildflower Seed.

The John Chambers Green Roof mixture contains no grasses and is 100% wildflower seed. Sow the wildflower mixture on a suitable substrate, ensuring it is a level fine tilth. Sow either in Spring or Autumn at a rate of 3g/sqm.

Growing medium:

Choosing the correct medium will depend on the type of roof being created. The John Chambers green roof mixture can be sown on numerous types of substrate, although an intensive substrate may offer slightly better germination, due to increased levels of fertility. Once the growing medium is levelled and raked to a fine tilth, the seed can be sown.

Intensive substrate:

A blend of lightweight aggregate and award-winning Green-tree Topsoil. Intensive roofs are deeper with a media thickness range from 200mm - 1000mm deep. This soil is ideal for containerised planting.

Extensive substrate:

Lightweight in texture, this extensive substrate is great for quick plant establishment and shallow green roof projects (60mm - 200mm deep). Ideal for wildflower matting or seeding to create a biodiverse green roof.

Establishment:

After sowing seeds, ensure a light watering is given. If the seed is to be sown in the Springtime, occasional watering through the summer may be required to ensure the seeds do not burn and seedlings have enough access to water. Some seeds (especially perennial species) will require frost/thaw action in order to germinate, therefore flowering may be more successful in the second year.

Maintenance:

Allow the whole sward to grow unchecked from March onwards and cut back the whole sward year-on-year after seed heads have flowered and new seeds dispersed (late Autumn). Remove clippings after cutting back. Watering should be done ideally in the morning or evening. Once seedlings are established, watering should be reduced.

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