

## **Star-of-Bethlehem**

*(Ornithogalum umbellatum)*

**Soil:** Average to poor

**Light:** Full sun to part shade

**Planting Depth:** 4 inches

**Planting Distance:** 3 to 4 inches

If you have a spot in the garden where absolutely nothing will grow, don't despair. Star-of-Bethlehem will thrive even under the most adverse conditions. It fills in the mid-spring garden with a carpet of white, six-petaled, star-shaped flowers that bloom in clusters on stems about six inches high. Each flower is about one-half to an inch across, with a thin green stripe on the outside of each petal. Foliage on the star-of-Bethlehem is very dense and grassy.

### **Comments**

Another of star-of-Bethlehem's attributes is its long-lasting qualities as a cut flower. The contrast between the white flowers and the black center with yellow stamens is most attractive.