



Crop Culture Report: TRADESCANTIA albiflora PISTACHIO™

Production Seasons: Spring/Summer

Garden Height: 6 inches to 10 inches (15 to 30 cm)

Garden Width: 36 inches (90 cm)

Recommended Containers: 4” to 6” pots, hanging baskets, combination baskets and containers

Customer Uses: Mixed patio containers and window boxes, excellent for full sun or shade landscape plants.

Propagation: Cuttings may be rooted in a cell pack or as a direct stick. Relative humidity of 80%+ and media temperature of 72-74F is required for uniform rooting. Rooting hormone is beneficial for more rapid root development. Mist should be reduced by day 10. Expect ready liners in four weeks for transplant.

Crop Planning from Liner:

Pot size:	Plants per pot (pp)	Crop Time (weeks)
4” pot (10cm)	1 pp	6 to 7 weeks
6” pot (15cm)	1 pp	8 to 10 weeks
10” to 12” baskets	3 to 5 pp	5 to 8 weeks

Temperature Requirement:

Day Temperature- 72° to 80° F (22° to 26° C)

Night Temperature- 55° to 65° F (13° to 18° C)

Warm temperatures with ample light are optimal growing conditions for Tradescantia.

Media and pH Requirements: Use sterile soil media with a pH range of 6.0 to 6.5. Keep evenly moist and avoid stressing plants. Stress will slow plant development and cause flowering. Once established and leaf area increases, plants will dry quickly and browning of leaves can occur with marginal browning from desiccation.

Fertilizer requirements: 100 to 200 ppm N constant feed using a balanced feed.

Pinching Requirement: Pinch at time of transplant.

Growth Regulators: should not be required- the best type of application, if required, is a drench at low rate. Temperature is the best growth regulator since the plants grow very rapidly with increased internode length under temperatures above 70° F nights.

Disease and Insect Pests: Aphids and White Fly are the largest problem insects. Scout for insects and use preventative programs to control.

Comments: Tradescantia Pistachio™ White is the first introduction in this new series from Green Fuse® Botanicals. This cultivar has created excitement in the grower community due to its sharp, clean contrast between its mint green and white variegated foliage. The purity of the white on the leaves is particularly eye-catching. Plants can be

used for landscaping and are beautiful in containers, either by themselves or in combination with other sun and shade loving annuals.