Matthiola StoXTM series

Matthiola incana

- Evanthia's breeding breakthrough: Japanese type stock with 100% selectability
- Nobust, woody stems and outstanding vase life
- Broad colour spectrum with unique shades







Matthiola StoX™ is Evanthia's brand new Matthiola series. This series offers the solution of a challenge breeders, young plant producers and growers of Matthiola face. Selection of double-flowered plants at the seedling stage is one of the main purposes of our stock breeding program. We managed to develop a robust range of Matthiolas with woodier stems that is easy to select for doubleness after a cold treatment, resulting in an excellent series with 100% double flowers. With this new series we truly combine the best of both worlds: the sturdy and long-lasting features of Japanese type stock and the selectability of European type stock. Check out the vibrant colour range, with some interesting, unique shades.

Flower profile:

Series:

Genus & species:

Family:

Common name:

Usage:

Stem length:

Breeder:

Starting material:

 $\mathsf{StoX}^{^{\mathsf{TM}}}$

Matthiola incana

Brassicaceae

Stock

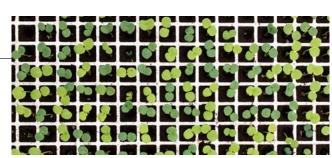
Ornamental; commercial

cut flower

65 to 70 cm

Evanthia Genetics

Raw seed







StoX[™] Antique Rose



StoX[™] Champagne



StoX[™] Deep Rose



StoX[™] Rose Pink



StoXTM Silver



StoXTM White



StoX[™] Yellow



Matthiola incana — Cultivation manual

Cut flower culture

Culture location: greenhouse

Sowing method TP

Sowing season Early winter until late spring 15-18°C (59-64°F) Germ temp.

Growing temp. 16-18°C (60-65°F) day 13-16°C (55-60°F) night

Plug crop time

3-5 weeks

Crop duration

8-12 weeks with supplemental light, otherwise 9 to 16 weeks from planting

Seed requirement

5 gr for 1000 plants 1 seed per plug

Pests/diseases

Cabbage butterflies, caterpillars, thrips, aphids, clubroot, Sclerotinia, downy mildew, powdery mildew.

Fertilization (f)

Nitrate-based fertilizer, low on N, low on P. Fertilize twice a week until harvest (175 to 225 ppm N/1.2-1.5 EC). Keep EC at 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm and pH at 5,8 to 6,5. High pH (> 6,8) causes chlorosis.

Cultivation tips

- Selectable types need a cold treatment: keep the double-flowering plants with pale green cotyledons (see sowing details).
- Matthiola is sensitive to Fusarium. When successively planted in the same year, steralize (steam) the soil after the crop.

Sowing details

Pre-sow and transplant (TP):

Soil: sterile sowing mix

pH 5,5-6, EC 0.5

sow: 1 seed per plug (tray 288)

cover: ves

Days 0 - 4

(m) moist

(t) 15-18°C (59-64°F) (f) < 100 ppm N, < 0.7 EC

Days 4 - 7 (for selectable series)

Use a cold treatment and short-day treatment to select for doubleness:

Cold treatment:

Once germinated, keep at 4-5°C (41°F) for 4 to 7 days in order to select the double-flowering

light-green plants.

Short-day treatment:

Create a short day environment. For Matthiola this means 11 hours of light and 13 hours of darkness. Please note: when the night falls, open the screening to prevent heat accumulation. Make sure to close the screen before dawn.

Adjust the initiation of short days to the heat levels in the greenhouse.

Days 7 - 14

(m) normal

(t) 15-18°C (59-64°F)

(I) 16.000-27.000 lux (1500-2500 fc)

(f) < 100 ppm N, < 0.7 EC

Days 15 - 21

(m) dry - normal to dry

(t) 15-18°C (59-64°F)

(I) 27.000-54.000 lux (2500-5000 fc)

(f) 100-175 ppm N, < 0.7-1.2 EC

Notes

 For best performing series in your climatic conditions, check the description with the series. In cooler climates Matthiola is only cultivated in the greenhouse.

Growing on

Soil/media

(deep) well-drained fertile soil, pH 5,5-6, 0,5 EC

Netting

Netting is advised

Pinching

No pinching needed

Plants density

Summer 65-75 plants/m² (6-7 plants/ft²). Winter: 65 plants/m² (6 plants/ft²).

Moisture (m)

Plant in moist soil. Do not start (drip) irrigation too soon or the seedlings may get leggy. Moisture level 2-3. Keep dryer towards cutting stage.

Temperature (t)

16-18°C (60-65°F) during the day, 13-16°C (55-60°F) at night. High heat (> 18°C) can stunt plants or prevent flower development. Too low temperatures will influence stem length.

Light (1)

Not daylight sensitive, but supplemental lighting - 3000-6000 lux (280-560 fc) for 14-16 hours) enables late summer planting.

Harvest

 Harvest when 4 to 5 flowers per stem are open.

For post harvest treatments, see: www.vbn.nl/en/list-pre-treatments/

This information is for general guidance only, and is in some cases specific for North European conditions. No guarantee is given for the result of the crop, nor is liability accepted for the consequences of applying the indications given.

