



Ruschia nana

DWARF CARPET of STARS



Botanical Name: *Ruschia lineolata* 'Nana'

Common Name: Dwarf Carpet of Stars

Origin: A selection (PPAF) of species *Ruschia lineolata*, from South Africa

Features:

- VERY DROUGHT TOLERANT
- FULL SUN to HALF SHADE
- LOW GROWING (1-2" TALL)
- GREEN YEAR AROUND
- LOW MAINTENANCE, **NO** MOWING
- EXTREMELY DURABLE
- WEED SUPPRESSING
- SMALL WHITE FLOWERS with PINK STRIPES in LATE WINTER / EARLY SPRING
- WIDE TEMPERATURE RANGE 20°F to 120°F



Planting Time: Year around, faster to establish in Spring/Summer than Fall/Winter

Plug Spacing: 6" on center recommended, 12" o.c. is slower but budget-friendly.

Estimated Fill-in Time: At 6" o.c., fill in time is 3-5 months, at 12" o.c., fill in time is 5-7 months

Site Preparation: Same process as standard lawn preparation

Planting: Plugs should be planted so that the plug soil level is even with landscape soil level. Make sure plugs and planting area are moist prior to planting.

Planting Location: *Ruschia* 'Nana' may be planted on flat ground and gentle slopes

Light: *Ruschia* 'Nana' is light and heat loving and will do best in full sun, down to a minimum of a half day of sunlight.

Temperature: Current data suggest that *Ruschia* 'Nana' will tolerate temperatures ranges as high as 120°F and as low 20°F.

Watering: Once established, *Ruschia* 'Nana' will only require a deep irrigation once every 8-10 days in Summer, less in Winter.

Fertilization: *Ruschia* 'Nana' does not have a high fertilizer requirement, but will benefit from two annual applications of a balanced 15-15-15 fertilizer.

Pests: *Ruschia* 'Nana' has no major insect pests. Diligence should be exercised during plug establishment to remove all sprouting weeds to avoid infestation.

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