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Hairy canary clover

This is a semi hardy subshrub which is semi-evergreen with attractive silver-hairy leaves and a spreading habit. It is commonly grown in seaside locations where it is resistant to wind and dry conditions either on walls or rockeries. Perhaps also as an edging plant in a coastal border. Its spreading habit means that it may need a bit of clipping to keep it in shape. In summer and autumn clumps produce umbels of pea-like creamy white flowers flushed pink. These are followed by attractive reddish brown seed pods often appearing alongside the later flowers.

It grows to around 2ft in height in maturity with a larger spread and originates from Portugal and the Mediterranean. It can readily be propagated from seed sown in the spring or from semi-ripe summer growth cuttings.

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