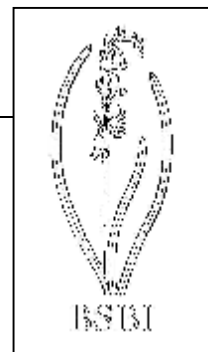


Plant Crib



AJUGA REPTANS / A. × PSEUDOPYRAMIDALIS / A. PYRAMIDALIS

The hybrid between *A. reptans* and *A. pyramidalis* is sterile and intermediate. Early in the season it tends to look like *A. pyramidalis*, especially in leaf characters, but later it forms vigorous patches with stolons and looks more like *A. reptans* (Druce 1916, 1924; Scannell 1988). The hybrid is probably overlooked, and *A. pyramidalis* is probably itself under-recorded in Scotland and Ireland.

| | <i>A. reptans</i> L. | <i>A. × pseudopyramidalis</i> Schur | <i>A. pyramidalis</i> L. |
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| Stolons | Present | Developing late in season | Absent (rhizomes present under soil) |
| Stem hairs | Upper part with two sides only hairy | Prominent on two sides, scattered on other two sides | Four sides equally hairy |
| Leaf hairs | Almost glabrous | Sparse | Lanate-villose |
| Leaf margins | Obscurely crenate | Scarcely crenate | Crenate |
| Flowers | Broad | Narrow, not obscured by bracts | Narrow |
| Filaments | Hairy | Sparsely hairy | Glabrous |
| Upper bracts | Shorter than flowers | Intermediate | Longer than flowers |
| Hairs | Frizzled or crinkled | Frizzled | Straight |
| Fertility | Fertile | Sterile | Fertile |

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