

Alstroemeria species

Propagation

Alstroemeria seed germinates best after a period of warm and cold stratification. First soak seed in warm water for about 12 hours and then proceed to stratify. Warm stratification is done by placing the seed in lightly moist clean sand in a ziplock bag and keeping for 6 weeks at a temperature of 20°C+. Cold stratification is following the same procedure but storing the seed in the crisper in lightly moist sand for four weeks. During stratification check seed every few days and maintain the sand media in a lightly moist condition. Any seed that germinates during stratification should be sown immediately. Some growers also recommend that the seed is nicked lightly after stratification and before sowing.

Sow seed in a good quality well-draining potting mix. Just press the seed into the surface lightly, do not bury it. Place your seed container in a warm light position out of direct sunlight.

Prick young seedlings out into individual pots once large enough to handle and grow on as desired.

Planting out at 20cm or as desired. It is best to plant alstroemeria in their permanent position as they initially resent being moved. Once established alstroemeria can be divided.

