

## Portulaca species

### Propagation

**Pre-treatment:** Pre-treatment is not necessary for this species.

**Sow:** In Spring or Autumn. In frost prone areas in a greenhouse or under glass or outdoors after the danger of frost has passed. Best temperatures to start seeds when temperatures are 18 - 21°C.

**Propagation:** Best to start seeds in trays or tubes in a sunny, warm and well ventilated position.

Use any fine good quality well drained potting mix with added perlite or vermiculite and best to surface sow or only just cover seeds with sand.

Mist spray as not to dislodge seeds, keep moist but not too wet.

Keep moist after germination.

Separate out and plant out in garden or plant on into final container when the seedling is large enough to handle with a few true leaves and seedlings are well established.

**Cultivation:** Best grown in full sun and grows as an herbaceous perennial and appreciates heat, growing best in temperatures 21 - 37°C.

Be sure to sun harden seedlings slowly as not to shock them too much when changing position of plant.

Choose a position that is sheltered from wind.

Thin out seedlings and transplant 20cm apart in the garden or in a container.

Water in well and regular watering is best for good growth.

