

## Thysanotus multiflorus – Fringed Lily

Thysanotus has lovely purple-blue flowers, each petal surrounded by a delicate fringe. Each stem can have up to 20 flowers. It has long narrow leaves straight from the ground and is a hardy, drought resistant perennial to 0.5 m in height.

### Propagation

Germination is aided by seeds exposed to smoke - sow the seeds together with smoked vermiculite.

**WHEN TO SOW** – In warm areas or in a glasshouse at any time. In frost prone areas sow when danger of frost has passed.

**WHERE TO SOW** – Grow in full sun - part shade any soil garden or pot.

**SOWING** – Sow in moist sandy soil - these seeds require no pre-treatment although they can benefit from smoke treatment to promote even germination - place 7.5 – 10cm of dry leaves on the soil to be used, set the leaves alight, remove the burnt debris, lightly scuff the soil surface or sow the seeds in conjunction with smoked vermiculite. Sow seeds on top and compress lightly then cover, keep moist and cover with clear polythene until germination in 2-5 weeks.

Transplant to individual containers when large enough to handle. Keep well watered and pot on or plant out at 7.5 cm tall. Water in well and water regularly until established and then when required in dry weather. Use a light application of low phosphate organic fertiliser and protect from slugs and snails.