

Cotinus species

Propagation

PRE-TREATMENT – Soak seeds for 12 hours in water, drain and soak again for another 12 hours. Allow seeds to dry in the open air before sowing.

SOWING – Best propagated in Spring or Autumn and can be started in pots or directly into the garden.

If grown in the garden, soil needs to be well a well drained and sandy in a full sun position. Plant scarified seeds about 1cm deep, giving a good distance between plants. Be sure to keep the soil moist.

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Use a good quality free draining seed raising mix with added washed river sand.

Use individual pots and fill with seed raising media mix and moisten.

Sprinkle seeds on top and cover with 0.5 – 1cm of the media.

Water in gently with a mist spray and place pots in a warm position.

To hasten germination place a plastic bag over the pots to increase soil temperature.

Keep moist and don't allow to dry out.

Seeds should start sprouting in 2 – 4 weeks but can take longer depending on conditions.

Take bag off seeds when they start to sprout.

CULTIVATION – When seedlings reach 15cm transfer into larger pots.

Plant into the garden when they have established a strong root system.

Keep well watered until established and then watering can be reduced.

