

## Physalis 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 21 - 25°C.

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

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

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

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

**Cultivation:** Best grown in full sun and grows as an herbaceous perennial but best as an annual or biennial in well drained soils that are kept moist.

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

Water regularly and cut back stems back to ground level in Autumn.

Divide plants in Spring or treat as an annual or biennial as plants are most productive in the first two years.

Be sure only to pick fruit when they are ripe as they do not keep ripening after harvest, they have quite a long shelf life if stored in their husks.