

Hemiandra species

Hemiandra pungens atropurpurea – Purple Leaved Snakebush

Hemiandra species are difficult to grow from seed but not impossible!

Propagation

By removing the curved plug on the lower side of the seed with a scalpel and forceps, germination rates can be increased – this plug is joined to the seed coat by a fatty deposit that may be attractive to ants.

Pre-treatment – Smoke treatment has been successful in improving germination results.

Sowing – Use a good quality propagation mix.

Surface sow the seeds in the propagation mix, cover lightly with sand or mix and water in with a fine mist spray so seeds are not dislodged from the mix.

Place on shelves in a greenhouse or in a warm spot and keep moist but not wet.

