

Mesembryanthemum 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 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 as seedlings are prone to damping off.

Separate out and plant out 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 a clumping annual or biennial.

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

Best to grow these in containers, rather than garden beds as they accumulate salt over their lifetime and will release this into the surrounding soil when the plants die.