

## Fragaria species

### Propagation

**Pre-treatment:** Pre-treatments are 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.

Use any good quality medium potting mix and best to surface sow or only just cover seeds with the media or sand as seeds need light to germinate.

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

Separate out and plant out or plant on into final container when the seedling is large enough to handle, if growing in garden beds plant out at 20 – 25cm apart.

**Cultivation:** Best grown in full sun to part shade and grows as a clumping perennial. Keep the crown of the plant above the ground when planting and mulch 2.5 – 5cm thick newly planted Alpine Strawberries

Top dress in Spring with compost or use an organic granular fertiliser before flowers start forming.

Water well during dry periods.

