

Psidium species

PRE-TREATMENT – Seeds can be sown without a pre-treatment but germination will take a lot longer. Or you can soak seeds in just boiled water for 24 – 48 hours or up to 2 weeks to soften the seeds before sowing to soften the seed coat and this will hasten germination. I've also read that some say to boil the seeds for 5 minutes before sowing but I have not yet tested this method.

SOWING – Best time for sowing is when temperatures are between 21- 29°C. Be sure that temperatures don't get below 17°C as this will completely inhibit germination.

Use a good quality seed raising mix or a jiffy pot.

Fill pots with media and moisten media before sowing seeds.

Sow seeds 0.5 - 1cm deep and cover lightly with media.

Mist water to avoid seed disturbance.

Seeds can be slow to germinate and can be erratic.

Ensure that the seeds stay warm, moist and don't dry out but do not waterlog soil.

The use of a heat pad will help maintain temperatures.

Prick out when large enough to handle, let them harden off and then plant out into garden or into containers in full sun.

