

## Isopogon species

Isopogon divergens – Spreading Coneflower

Isopogon dubius – Rose Coneflower

Seeds of Isopogon can be difficult to propagate by seed but not impossible!

Best sown in Autumn or Spring, optimum germination temperatures are 15 - 25°C although seed can be propagated at any time of the year.

**Pre-treatment** – Smoke treatment has been successful in improving germination results, also removing the hairs and nicking the seedcoat to reveal the white seed beneath (but not damaging the seed) also has the effect of speeding up the germination process.

**Sowing** – Use a good quality porous propagation mix.

Surface sow the seeds on the top of the potting mix, cover lightly with sand 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 shady or part shaded position and keep moist but not wet.

Germination is variable and erratic, can be slow taking several months to sprout.

