

Anigozanthos species

These species are small perennials and grow up to 45cm in height.

Propagation

SOWING/CULTIVATION –

Some authorities recommend smoke pre-treatment to improve germination of Anigozanthos seed. A simple inexpensive way to treat small lots of seed is to take an earthen ware pot, fill it with your growing medium to just below the desired level, and then place dried leaf matter on the surface and set it alight. Allow the leaves to burn down, remove excess detritus and then scratch the remaining burnt material into your growing medium. Sow seed as normal.

Fill a medium sized growing tray to 2.5cm from the top with moist sandy soil. Sow seeds in top and compress. Keep moist cover with clear polythene – remove this when seeds start to germinate. Place in warm shaded area to germinate. Transplant to individual containers when large enough to handle.

Keep well watered.

Pot on or plant out at 3 inches (7.5cm) full sun to part shade. Any soil suits, but the preference is for sandy soil. Water in well and water regularly round the roots until established then occasionally in dry weather. Apply a light application of low phosphate organic fertiliser when planting out. Protect from snails and slugs.

These species are generally suitable for either a garden situation or in pots.

