

Dichondra species

Propagation

Pre-treatment: A pre-treatment is usually not necessary, these seeds are coated to aid germination rates.

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 21°C during the day and 10° at night.

Propagation: Can be started in trays, tubes or in situ.

Use any good quality medium potting mix or over a well raked and loosened garden bed that has been watered until wet but not soggy. Scatter seeds over the media or garden beds and water in.

Seeds may need to be watered a few times a day until they start to sprout to keep moist, a light covering with peat moss or coir will help with water retention. If growing in containers, separate out and plant out or plant on into final container when the seedling is large enough to handle.

Cultivation: Best grown in full sun to part shade and grows as a

Water well during the growth period and reduce watering in Winter apply a high nitrogen fertiliser monthly during the growing period.

Best growth is achieved with established plants if they are allowed to dry out slightly between watering.

If growing as a lawn substitute it can be mowed to about 4cm tall in Summer and best to be done every two weeks, this is not compulsory but can enhance a lush and healthy green groundcover.