

Pennisetum species

PRE-TREATMENT – Soak seeds overnight in water to hasten and maintain a more even germination rate.

SOWING – Best time for sowing is in Autumn or Spring.

Seeds can be sown directly into garden beds, just cover lightly and keep moist but not too wet but best to sow in warmer conditions in Spring.

Use a good quality seed raising mix with added perlite.

Fill pots with media and moisten media before sowing seeds.

Sow seeds 0.5cm deep and cover lightly with media.

Mist water to avoid seed disturbance.

Grow in a greenhouse or cover pots with a plastic bag that has the end open to increase temperature and humidity.

Place in a well lit, sheltered area or in the greenhouse.

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

Seeds should start sprouting in 15 – 25 days.

When seeds start to germinate, remove the bag.

Thin and prick out when around 5cm tall and keep the most vigorous seedlings.

Let them harden off and then plant out into garden or into containers in a full sun position.

