

## Allamanda species

### Propagation

**Pre-treatment:** Soak seeds in water for 24 hours prior to planting or scarify by nicking or using sandpaper to gently abrade the seed coat, this will allow water to penetrate and hasten germination.

**Sow:** In Spring or Summer. 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 - 26°C in a sunny location.

**Propagation:** In any good quality medium potting mix in trays or small pots, sow 2cm deep, compact lightly and keep moist but not wet. It prefers climates with high humidity and a sunny position, mist spraying can increase humidity. When watering, use a watering can with a rose or mist spray to avoid seed disturbance where possible. 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 and needs support from a trellis or some other support as it does not have tendrils to climb. Keep moist until established and then it will be able to tolerate dry periods but best growth is achieved with regular watering and an annual application of a slow release fertilizer during the growing period.

