

Ozothamnus species

PRE-TREATMENT – A smoke pre-treatment may hasten germination times, use smoke water prior to sowing or even smoked vermiculite over the top when sowing.

SOWING – Best time for sowing is in late Spring or Summer. Seeds need a temperature between 25 - 28°C to germinate.

Germination rates are generally low and propagation can be very slow.

Use a good quality well draining seed raising mix with even aeration and moisture holding characteristics. A media such as perlite and peat with a ratio of 9:1 or perlite and coarse washed river sand with a ratio of 4:1

Fill pots with media and moisten media before sowing seeds.

Surface sow seeds and cover lightly with media or smoked vermiculite.

Mist water to avoid seed disturbance.

A constant temperature of approx. 28°C and relative humidity of 80% must be maintained. Grow in a greenhouse or in greenhouse conditions and keep warm.

Underbed heating in Winter at 15 - 25°C is helpful.

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

Seeds can start sprouting in 30 days but can take 3 months or even up to 12 months depending on conditions.

