

Hypocallymma species

Easy to grow shrub to 1m. Pink flowers, often flecked with mauve, cluster up the stems forming sprays up to 18 inches long. Excellent cut flowers.

Propagation

WHEN TO SOW – In warm areas or a glasshouse at any time. In frost prone areas after the danger of frost has passed.

WHERE TO GROW – Full sun or part shade. Any well drained soil including limestone. Can be grown in the garden or in pots.

SOWING – Fill pot or seed tray with moist sandy soil, wet thoroughly and compress. Sow seeds thinly on the surface and cover with soil to the thickness of the seeds. Keep moist and cover with clear polythene – remove this when germination starts in 4 to 6 weeks. Place in warm, shady position and protect from snails and slugs.

CULTIVATION – Pot on to individual containers when large enough to handle. Keep well watered and plant out at 7.5cm high. Water in well until established and then weekly in dry weather. Use light applications of low phosphate slow release organic fertiliser. After two years plant may be pruned to enhance flowering.

