

Conifer species

Cedrus spp

Picea spp

Pinus spp

Thuja spp

Propagation

PRE-TREATMENT – Three months cold stratification can improve germination rates.

Sow late winter in a cold frame and only just cover the seed.

The seed usually germinates in 1 - 2 months at 20°C.

The seedlings are very subject to damping off so should be watered with care and kept well-ventilated.

When they are large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and grow them on in a sheltered position for at least their first winter. Plant them out into their permanent positions in late spring or early summer, after the last expected frosts. The seed can store for several years.

