

Ptilotus exaltatus **Joey[®]. IMPROVED**

Culture guide

Uses:

Annual; Pot plant, mixed combinations, landscape plantings

Exposure:

Sun

Garden height:

14" / 35 cm

Crop time:

12-16 weeks

Sow time:

January-June

Sowing method:

1 seed per plug

Germination:

Sow one seed per cell in a well-drained media with a pH between 5.5 and 6.5. Germinates in 5-7 days at 76-80 °F (24-26 °C). Do not saturate and maintain moderate soil moisture levels.

Growing On:

Transplant plugs 6-8 weeks after sowing into a well-drained medium. Do not over water and feed at 100-150 ppm N, avoiding excess phosphorus and calcium levels. Grow on at 65-70° F (18-21° C). Higher light levels promote shorter, better-branched plants with larger flowers.

Media:

Use a well-drained media, pH 5.5-6.5

Temperature:

Grow at 20-24 °C. Avoid temperatures below 10 °C

Fertilization:

Moderate to high fertilization levels are required. Fertilize the crop weekly with 100-150 ppm nitrogen (2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer in substrate), using a complete and balanced fertilizer. Avoid high ammonium and high nitrogen levels. Take care of the phosphate level in substrate.