

Armeria maritima

Morning Star Deep Rose

Sea Thrift

Culture guide

Uses:

Evergreen perennial, first year flowering without vernalization. For beds, borders, and mixed containers

Exposure:

Sun

Garden height:

6" / 15 cm

Crop time:

15-16 weeks

Sow time:

January-April flower flowering from May onwards; August to September for flowering the following year in March

Sowing method:

2-3 seeds per plug

Germination:

4-10 days at 68-70 °F (20-21 °C). Cover seeds lightly. Finish plugs at 65-68 °F (18-20 °C)

Growing On:

Transplant into well-drained media. Grow on at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C) for optimum growth. Night temperatures below 55 °F (13 °C) significantly slow plant growth and increase crop times. Cool mature plants or large plugs for best flowering.

Media:

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate, pH: 5.8-7.0.

Temperature:

Grow at 13-17 °C. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoors a fleece cover is needed. For forcing in spring grow for 10-11 weeks at 15-18 °C. Cold temperatures from 7-12 °C slow down plant growth and increase crop times. At temperatures below 7 °C plants stop growing.

Fertilization:

Low-moderate fertilization levels are required.