



Gomphrena globosa

# **Buddy**

## **Purple**

Item no.: GG0203R



- Compact, globe-shaped, bushy habit
- Ideal for mixed containers
- Heat and drought tolerant

Crop Time	Spring: 8 - 10 weeks
Height ∅	6"/15 cm
Exposure	Sun
Seed Form	Raw Seed
Best Uses	Bedding, Landscape, Pot Plant



### **CULTURE GUIDE**

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#### Usage

Plants for borders, pot plants, cut and dried flower production

#### Sow time

January-June, sowing in intervals

#### Sowing method

1-2 seeds per plug, sowing directly into pots is possible

#### Germination

10-14 days at 72-77 °F (22-25°C). Cover seed lightly after sowing. Avoid overwatering for best germination and root growth.

#### **Growing on**

Transplant plugs after 5-6 weeks. Grow on at 62-65 °F (17-18 °C). Apply 150 ppm nitrogen weekly in a well-balanced formula.

#### Media

Use a well-drained, growing substrate with 15-30 % clay, 0-20 % parts (e.g. coconut fibres, perlite), 1-1,5 kg/m³ complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer (3 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-5.8. Field: well-drained, sandy loamy soils. Standard fertilization: 60-80 g/m² of a slow release fertilizer.

#### **Temperature**

Grow at 20-24 °C during daytime and at 15 °C during night or outdoors. Avoid temperatures below 10 °C. Protect the young plants outdoors against frost. Gomphrena does not tolerate frost.

#### **Fertilization**

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

Stage I Starts with the radicle breaking through the testa. The roots are touching the medium. Ends with fully developed cotyledons.

 $Stage\ II\ Starts\ from\ fully\ developed\ cotyledons.\ Ends\ with\ the\ fully\ developed\ true\ leaf\ pair.$ 

 $Stage\ III\ Starts\ from\ the\ fully\ developed\ true\ leaf\ or\ true\ leaf\ pair\ and\ ends\ with\ 80\%\ of\ the\ young\ plants\ being\ marketable.$ 

Stage IV All young plants are ready for sale and in the process of being hardened off. This stage lasts about 7 days.

The cultural recommendations are based on results from trials conducted under Central European conditions. Different conditions in other parts of the world may lead to deviations in results achieved.



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