

# Gomphrena globosa Buddy Purple

Item no.: M6202

## Crop Time

Spring: 8 - 10 weeks

## Height

15cm

## Exposure

Sun

## Seed Form

Raw Seed

## Best Uses

Bedding, Landscape, Pot Plant

## Culture guide

### 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/m<sup>3</sup> complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer (3 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-5.8. Field: well-drained, sandy loamy soils. Standard fertilization: 60-80 g/m<sup>2</sup> 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.

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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 or 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.