

Lewisia cotyledon Elise Ruby Red

Item no.: R0350T

Crop Time

Spring: 18 - 22 weeks

Height

14cm

Exposure

Sun - Partial shade

Seed Form

ApeX

Hardiness Zone

3a-8b

Best Uses

Bedding, Rockery

Culture guide

Usage

Potting: 4-5.5"

Sow time

18-22 weeks from sowing to flower

Sowing method

2-3 seeds per plug

Germination

Yields best germination results if exposed to a period of cool temperatures before temperatures are raised to 59 °F (15 °C). Germinates in 3-6 weeks. Cover seed lightly with a layer of medium vermiculite.

Growing on

Temperature: 62-68 °F (17-20 °C) In wks 10-18 raise temps to 68-72 °F (20-22 °C) Keep slightly moist, avoid excessive watering.

Media

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-20 % parts (e.g. bark, sand, perlite), 1-1,5 kg/m³ complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.0-6.0.

Temperature

Grow at 12-18 °C or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoor fleece cover needed. In spring the plants start to grow for 4-8 weeks at 15-18 °C. Cold temperatures at 7-14 °C will increase the cultivation time. A chilling period (vernalization) is required for flower initiation

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.