

# Sempervivum Hippie Chicks

Item no.: V3101T/P

## Crop Time

Spring: 26 - 30 weeks

## Height

7cm

## Exposure

Sun

## Seed Form

BeGreen ApeX Pelleted, BeGreen ApeX

## Hardiness Zone

3a-9b

## Best Uses

Rockery

## Culture guide

### Usage

Attractive plants for rock garden and dry stone walls, pot plants, plants for graves, ornamental leaf plant, plants attract bees, extensive roof planting

### Sow time

January-March for green pots; June-August for flowering in pots the following year

## **Sowing method**

3-5 seeds per plug

## **Germination**

Germinates in 14-25 days at 65-72 °F (18-22 °C). Cover seed lightly after sowing.

## **Growing on**

Transplant plugs after 11-12 weeks. Grow on at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C).

## **Media**

Use a well-drained, growing substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e.g. bark, wood fibres, perlite, sand), 1-1,5 kg/m<sup>3</sup> complete balanced fertilizer, 1-2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-7.0.

## **Temperature**

Grow at 10-18 °C or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoor fleece cover needed. For wintering the roots development should be very good. In spring the plants start to grow for 10-12 weeks at 15-18 °C. Cold temperatures of 10-12 °C will increase the cultivation time. A chilling period (vernalization) is required for flower initiation.

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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.