

Muhlenbergia capillaris

# Ruby



## Amazing Pink Colored Blooms

- Excellent texture in mass plantings
- Heat and drought tolerant
- Needs warmer temperatures for better flower initiation and lush blooms
- Highly preferred by landscape architects

<b>Crop Time</b>	Spring: 14 - 16 weeks
<b>Height</b> ∅	31 " / 80 cm
<b>Exposure</b>	Sun - Partial shade
<b>Seed Form</b>	Raw Seed
<b>Heat Zone</b>	3-12
<b>Hardiness Zone</b>	6-10
<b>Product Use</b>	Landscape

## TECHNICAL GUIDE

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### Plug Culture

**Germination:** Optimum conditions for seedling development, beginning on the day of sowing until radicle emergence. Expect germination in 7-14 days.

**Cover:** No cover is required.

**Sowing method:** 4-6 seeds per plug.

**Media:** pH 5.8-6.2; EC <1.0

**Temperature:** 20-22 °C (68-72 °F) until radicle emergence, then reduce to 18-20 °C (64-68 °F) during day and night.

**Moisture:** Begin with a wet (4) for the first two weeks. Alternate between moisture levels moist (3) and medium (2) to maintain a good wet to dry cycle. Avoid overwatering.

**Light:** Supplemental lighting is optional in the plug stage. If desired, provide light levels up to 35,000 lx.

**Fertilizer:** Maintain an EC <1.0. Use a balanced fertilizer. Feeding should start <100 ppm N.

**Growth Regulators:** Not required.

### Growing On

**Media:** pH 5.5-6.2; EC 1.0-1.2

**Temperature:** 15-20 °C (59-68 °F) during day and night. Plants are sensitive to frost. Higher temperatures shorten the crop time of this warm-season crop.

**Moisture:** Alternate between moisture levels moist (3) and medium (2) to maintain a good wet to dry cycle. Avoid overwatering or underwatering.

**Light:** High light levels and long days are required to force plants into plume.

**Fertilizer:** Moderate fertilization levels are required. Feed with 100-150 ppm N using a balanced fertilizer.

**Growth Regulators:** Not required.

**Pests & Diseases:** Aphids, rust.

### Timing & Positioning Charts

Plug Crop Time	
288 tray	6-8 wks
Finished Crop Time (from 288 tray)	
10-12 cm (4-5") pots (1")	8-9 wks
15-19 cm (6-7") pots (3")	9-10 wks

\*plants per pot

## Moisture Codes

**Saturated (5)** Water is easily observed when finger is pressed on cell. Water moves freely from the top of the plug to the bottom.

**Wet (4)** Media looks black and is not glistening. The media feels wet to the touch but there is very little water movement.

**Moist (3)** Water is not easily visible. When finger is pressed on the cell there is very little movement from top to bottom.

**Medium (2)** Media is not black, but now looks medium brown. There is no water movement when pressed with finger.

**Dry (1)** Media has changed color to a very light brown and is dry to the touch.

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