

# Starting Perennial Seeds



Start perennial seed in March and April for planting out in May and June. Some varieties, such as biennials, may be started later in pots or in a prepared seedbed for transplanting later in the summer and bloom the next year. Perennials may also be sown in August and grown on for planting to the garden in late September but they may require winter protection such as cover in a cold frame to ensure winter survival.

Young seedlings must be hardened off before being planted out. For germination and growing on use florescent lighting keeping the plants as close to the lights as possible (ie: 4 inches), or use a south facing, large window. Check seed packs for temperatures and spacing.

<u>PLANT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
ALYSSUM	PRECHILL SEED FOR A FEW DAYS. GROW PLANTS AT 19C. SOW 8-10 WKS BEFORE LAST FROST. DO NOT COVER SEED. KEEP WARM FOR GERM.
ARABIS	DO NOT COVER SEED. KEEP TEMP WARM FOR GERM.
AUBRETIA	PRESS SEED INTO THE SOIL. KEEP TEMP AT 16C FOR BEST GERM.
AQUILEGA	CHILL SEEDS 5 DAYS BEFORE SOWING. DO NOT COVER SEED. CAN TAKE UP TO 20 DAYS TO GERM.
ENGLISH DAISY	DO NOT COVER SEED. GERM AT ALTERNATING 21- 27C TEMP. GROW COOL AFTER GERM: 15-18C SNOW-IN-SUMMER START 7-8 WEEKS BEFORE LAST FROST DATE. GROW ON AT 10C AND BRIGHT LIGHT.
BLACK EYED SUSAN	START 4-6 WKS BEFORE LAST FROST.
COREOPSIS	GERM AT 24C. SELF SEEDS EASILY.
LUPINS	FREEZE SEED 48 HRS, THEN SOAK FOR 24 HRS IN DAMP NEWSPAPER. SOW INDOORS IN PEAT POTS MID TO LATE MARCH AND GROW ON AT COOL TEMPS.
GEUM	COVER SEED LIGHTLY. GERM AT 21C
POPPY	MAY BE DIFFICULT TO TRANSPLANT-USE PEAT POTS. DO NOT COVER SEED. KEEP IN THE DARK TO GERM.
SWEET WILLIAM	BIENNIAL. START MID MARCH; ARE TOLERANT OF COOL TEMPS

SOME SEEDS DON'T LIKE TO BE TRANSPLANTED AND SHOULD BE DIRECT SOWN IN PEAT POTS. SOW THINLY AND PINCH OUT UNWANTED SEEDLINGS TO THIN. TRY TO AVOID ROOT DISTURBANCE. ANISE, FENNEL, ANNUAL PHLOX, FLAX, BORAGE, LAVATERA , CALIFORNIA POPPY, MELONS, CARAWAY, MORNING GLORY, CHERVIL, NASTURTIUM, CORIANDER, POPPIES, CORN, STRAWFLOWERS, CUCUMBERS AND DILL