





ACAENA inermis 'Purpurea'

Purple Sheep's Burr, Purple Goose-Leaf

Item No.: AG019

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Rosaceae
Origin	New Zealand
Special Features	Very decorative, purple-colored, fern-like foliage and thornless flowers. Perfectly suited for planting in the crevices of paving stones or wall plantings.
Basic Colour	(none)
Natural Flowering Period	July - August
Flower	inconspicuous
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z5 - Z8
Foliage	fern-like, purple-colored, feathery
Growth Habit	stoloniferous / mat-forming / compact / low-growing
Height with Flowers	10 cm
Spacing between Plants	30 cm
Soil Requirements	well-drained / average
Location	 
Characteristics	ornamental foliage plant / groundcover

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	2.5 Gram
Seeds per Gram	400 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	2 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	128 / 288



Sowing Direction

(16) See 15 with the exception of germination being slower and more irregular. This poses no problems.

(15) Rapidly germinating, keep seed in constant moisture (not wet) with temperatures of about +20°C [68°F]. Seeds must be covered thinly. Do not cover very small seeds, but tightly press into the earth. Keep in cooler conditions after germination occurs.

Scheduling

Best Sowing Date

Anytime (northern Hemisphere, Field condition)

Sowing Time Hint

Germinates after 5-6 weeks at +26°C.

Sowing to Germination

5 - 6 weeks

Germination to Transplant

4 - 8 weeks

Transplanting to Potting

6 - 10 weeks

Cutting back at Transplanting

Not Necessary.

Growing On

Container Size(s)

1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2")

Vernalization

A prudent recommendation would be to provide 6-12 weeks at an average daily temperature of 40°F (5°C). Exposure to cold may not be necessary for flowering but might improve quality.

Forcing

An obvious place to experiment - following vernalization - would be raising daytime temperatures to 60° - 65°F (15° - 17°C). Provide 16 hours of continuous lighting. During the short days of winter, provide a night interruption lighting of 4 hours between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Fertilizer

Light (100-150 ppm)