

Aquilegia Cameo

Plant type: Hardy perennial
Uses: Garden, pot production
Plant height: 15cm

Sowing: Giving a cold treatment of 4°C for 8 weeks to the sown seed before moving the seed to 20°C can make germination more predictable. Cover with a thin layer of fine Vermiculite. Germination 2 - 3 weeks. Germination can be erratic and double sowing is probably needed for plug production.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to flowering Sow in August for flowering in May
Sow in October for flowering June onwards

From transplant to saleable plant 10 – 12 weeks for Summer/Autumn green sales or over-winter for flowering sales in May/June.

Growing on:

Temperature After seedling: night temperature minimum 15 – 18°C to increase plant size and build up root growth.
To over-winter: drop temperature to just frost free night 2°C and 7°C or below for day.
After plug transplanting in Jan/Feb keep temp at a minimum of 15°C to get establishment then drop temperature as before. Cold period essential to promote flowering. Grow on for about 6 weeks to sales time at 15 – 16°C to finish crop.

pH 5.5 - 6.2

Compost We use Bulrush potting compost with low level background liquid feed, 2:1:2 NPK.

Growth regulation Not necessary

Pot size 9 – 10cm

Advice Keep dry and well ventilated during cold growing periods.

Common diseases/pests No major pests or diseases damage the plants

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