

Calceolaria (Indoor) Dainty

Plant type:	Glasshouse biennial
Uses:	Pot plant
Plant height:	25cm
Sowing:	20 -22°C. Do not cover with Vermiculite. Germination 2-3 weeks. Light is essential for germination.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	4-5 weeks (transplant both large and small seedlings to maintain a good colour balance) sow August-October for flowering December onwards.
Sowing to flowering	16 - 18 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	15°C day and 10°C night. Plants can be held back for a specific market by holding at 5-7°C as long as there is good ventilation.
pH	5.5- 6.0
Feeding	Feed with a 1:0:1 feed once established after potting. Too high nutrient levels cause chlorosis and scorch. An iron drench can mask the symptoms but providing good growing conditions is better.
Growth regulation	Apply if needed.
Pot size	10 - 12cm
Advice	Plants need to be kept just moist. Poor drainage or over watering will result in leaf chlorosis. Once a good sized plant has been produced, flowering is promoted by long day conditions, supplementary lighting may be needed.
Common diseases	Damping off at the seedling and pricking out stage and Botrytis.
Common pests	Aphids, Thrips and Whitefly.

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