

Abutilon Bella

Plant type:	Tender perennial
Uses:	Pot plant, containers
Plant height:	35-45cm
Sowing:	Sow in Spring. 22°C. Cover with a thin layer of Vermiculite. Germination in 3 - 21 days.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	4 - 5 weeks
Sowing to flowering	14 - 16 weeks
Ball 104 to flowering	9 - 10 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	16 - 18°C at night with 18 - 21°C during the day. Temperatures below 15°C can cause reduced growth or longer crop time.
pH	5.5 - 6.0
Feeding	Feed every other watering. Use a fertiliser with most of the nitrogen in nitrate form. High ammonium-form nitrogen will promote excessive leaf growth, which will hide the flowers.
Pinching	Pinching is not needed.
Growth regulation	Generally not required.
Pack/Pot size	Best grown as pot plant in 10 - 13cm pot.
Advice	Good ventilation is very important. Plants require high fertilizer levels and early spacing. Finish in high light conditions. Time to flower is shortest under high light levels.
Common diseases	Rhizoctonia root and stem rot. Pythium root rot and Botrytis blight.

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