

Cleome Odyssee

Plant type:	Tender perennial
Uses:	Garden and patio plant
Plant height:	80-100cm
Sowing:	Sow January to April for May to July flowering, alternating 30°C day and 20°C night. Light is required for germination.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to flowering	13-16 weeks
Sowing to transplanting	3-4 weeks
Transplanting to flowering	10-12 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	18-20°C day and 16-18°C night. High temperatures combined with low light will promote stretching.
pH	5.6- 6.0. Cleome can tolerate lower pH levels than most other bedding crops.
Compost	Use compost that drains well. EC 1.8-2.5.
Feeding	Cleome is a heavy feeder. Constant liquid feed at 300 ppm with 20-10-20. Irrigate with clear water after every third feeding.
Growth regulation	Plants will respond to Bonzi and Daminozide. Daminozide however does delay flowering by about one week.
Pack/Pot size	1.5 to 2 litre pots. In pots smaller than 1.5 litre, expect to sell Cleome as a small green plant.
Advice	Maintain moderate moisture levels. Media should be moist to the touch, but not saturated. Do not let plants wilt. Transplant plugs well before they become root bound.
Common diseases	Pythium, Powdery Mildew
Common pests	Sciarid Flies

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