

Cultural Details: **Nolana**

Annual plant. Approximately 200 seeds per gram.

Sowing

Sow Nolana seed in February onto a low nutrient free draining compost. This should be thoroughly wetted with a fungicide solution prior to sowing and the trays allowed to drain. Sow evenly and thinly over the surface of the compost. Do not cover the seed but cover the tray with polythene to maintain humidity. Place the tray on a heated bench at 18-20°C (64-68°F). As the seedlings emerge, normally after two weeks, remove the polythene.

Pricking Out and Growing-on

When the seedlings are large enough to handle prick out. This can be done either into a pack 24 or similar size unit if the plants are to be transferred to a pot, hanging basket or direct into the final pack. Use a proprietary potting and bedding compost for this purpose.

After the seedlings have had a couple of weeks to establish after pricking out, reduce the temperature and grow on at 10-15°C (50-59°F). It helps to grow Nolana in full light and if possible slightly on the dry side to help maintain a compact pack appearance. A chemical growth regulator can also be applied in the same way as for Petunia, which will help to suppress side shoots until the centre flower is formed.

Pest and Disease

Make regular checks for pests and diseases. Take the necessary remedial action as soon as possible. It is important to maintain good glasshouse hygiene at all time especially in the propagation area.

Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.