

# Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)

## 20ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

8-9 weeks (Only 'Fire Island')

When To Plant:

Late winter to Spring

## 2 to 3 Eye Bare Root

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

6 weeks

When To Plant:

Late winter to spring

## 3 to 5 Eye Bare Root

Container:

Premium 2 Gallon Pot

Finish:

6 weeks

When To Plant:

Late winter to spring

## 72ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

6 - 8 weeks then provide  
domancy (spectabilis)

10-12 weeks ('Fire Island')

When To Plant:

Late summer to fall  
(spectabilis)

Late winter to spring ('Fire  
Island')

## Growing Temperature:

50-55° F

## Soil pH:

5.8-6.4

## Fertility:

Feed 100 - 150 ppm N at each watering.

## Pests and Diseases:

Downy mildew, Fusarium wilt, powdery mildew, rust, Sclerotium and Verticillium wilt that may occasionally be observed.

Aphids, caterpillars, fungus gnat larva, slugs, spider mites, thrips and whiteflies commonly feed on dicentra.

## Planting Level:

Eyes slightly below the soil line.

## Lighting:

Dicentra prefer moderate shade in production.

Dicentra 'Fire Island' prefers full sun.

## Holding Temperature:

40-50° F

## EC Level:

1.5-2.5 pour through method

## Vernalization:

Provide 8-10 weeks of cold temperatures below 40° F.

## Potting and Timing:

Plant bare root plants in late winter to spring. Small plugs are best planted in late summer and bulked before vernalization.

## Moisture:

Most dicentra prefer moderate moisture.

Dicentra 'Fire Island' prefers to be slightly moist.

## PGRs/Pinching:

If height control is required, daminozide (B-Nine or Dazide) is effective at reducing elongation. One to two applications of 2,500 ppm should provide adequate height control.

**Grower Tips:**

Take note that Dicentra 'Fire Island' requires different growing conditions than Dicentra *spectabilis* types. Dicentra 'Fire Island' should be potted in no larger than a trade one gallon container due to it's compact size.



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