

Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)

30ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

7-9 weeks

When To Plant:

Early to mid fall or Late winter to spring

Growing Temperature:

55-65° F

Soil pH:

6.0-6.5

Fertility:

Feed at moderate rates of 100 - 125 ppm N at each watering.

Pests and Diseases:

Occasionally aphids, slugs, two spotted spider mites and whiteflies may be observed feeding on scabiosa.

Botrytis, crown/root rots (Pythium and Rhizoctonia) and powdery mildew are the most common diseases seen on scabiosa.

Space properly, monitor moisture, and provide good airflow.

It is beneficial to apply preventative fungicide drenches for controlling crown and root rots after transplanting and again prior to overwintering.

Planting Level:

Do not plant deep. Top of plug should be even with the soil line.

Lighting:

Provide high light levels.

Holding Temperature:

40-50° F

EC Level:

1.5-2.5 pour through method

Vernalization:

Cold-treated plants will flower slightly faster than plants which did not receive vernalization and are often used for producing small container sizes. Provide 8-10 weeks of temperatures below 45° F.

Potting and Timing:

Fresh plugs can be planted in early to mid fall as temperatures begin to cool. Once rooted, vernalize plants for 8-10 weeks. This method produces the best quality finished plants.

Vernalized plugs can be planting in late winter to spring. This method is best for smaller containers.

Moisture:

Water thoroughly when needed and allow to dry slightly between irrigation cycles.

PGRs/Pinching:

2,500-ppm daminozide (B-Nine or Dazide), 5-ppm uniconazole (Concise or Sumagic) or 30-ppm paclobutrazol (Bonzi, Paczol, or Piccolo). One or two applications of PGRs applied seven to 10 days apart should provide adequate height control.

Grower Tips:

Vernalized plants will flower in as little as 6 weeks at 60 - 65° F.



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