

HOW TO GROW IPOMOEA PURPUREA

SOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Depth: 1/4-1/2" Tip: Nick or file the seed coat prior to soaking seeds in warm water for 24 hours prior to sowing.

Sprout Time: 5-14 days

Starting Indoors: Sow in pots about 4 weeks before last frost. Keep at 65-80°F (18-26 °C). Cover with humidity dome to retain moisture until germination occurs.

Starting Outdoors: Direct sow about two weeks after last frost.

When to Set Outside: After last frost, when soil has warmed.

PLACEMENT & CULTIVATION

This old-fashioned twining vine has smaller flowers than *I. nil*, but makes up for that with its cheerful free-blooming nature. Provide a tall trellis or fence for Morning glory Crimson Rambler to twine about. Blooming starts later in mid-summer and continues until fall frost, the flowers staying open in cloudy weather or in the fainter light of fall.

Final Spacing: 1' (30 cm)

Water Use: Medium Water Use

Watering Details: About 1" per week, more during especially dry, hot spells.

Soil pH: Slightly acidic to slightly alkaline.

Fertilizer: Mix in 2" of compost prior to planting and apply a flower fertilizer at bud set for more abundant blooming. Avoid nitrogen fertilizers that favor foliage growth over flower development.

Diseases & Pests: No major problems.