

# ***Ptilotus exaltatus***

## **Joey®**

### **Culture guide**

**Uses:**

Annual; Pot plant, mixed combinations, landscape plantings

**Exposure:**

Sun

**Garden height:**

13" / 34 cm

**Crop time:**

12-16 weeks

**Sow time:**

January-June

**Sowing method:**

1 seed per plug

**Germination:**

Sow one seed per cell in a well-drained media with a pH between 5.5 and 6.5. Germinates in 5-7 days at 76-80° F (24-26° C). Do not saturate and maintain moderate soil moisture levels.

**Growing On:**

Transplant plugs 6-8 weeks after sowing into a well-drained medium. Do not over water and feed at 100-150 ppm N, avoiding excess phosphorus and calcium levels. Grow on at 65-70° F (18-21° C). Higher light levels promote shorter, better-branched plants with larger flowers.

**Media:**

Use a well-drained media, pH 5.5-6.5

**Temperature:**

Grow at 20-24 °C. Avoid temperatures below 10 °C

**Fertilization:**

Moderate to high fertilization levels are required. Fertilize the crop weekly with 100-150 ppm nitrogen (2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer in substrate), using a complete and balanced fertilizer. Avoid high ammonium and high nitrogen levels. Take care of the phosphate level in substrate.

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