

Growing Cedrus sp. from Seed

Pre-treatment

Soak seeds in tepid water for 24 hours. Can be stratified for up to 4 weeks by mixing the seeds with damp moss in a Ziploc bag and placing in the refrigerator. They can also be sown outdoors in a coldframe at any time up to the end of March (after this I recommend they are stratified as above).

Sowing

Sow on the surface of a good quality sterile compost and cover very lightly with vermiculite or a light sprinkling of the potting mix, water once with a dilute fungicide and germinate somewhere at 12 – 15 Deg C. Germination can take a few weeks to a few months, but once started all should germinate within a few days of each other.

Growing on

Keep the seed pot moist, but be careful because the young seedlings are very prone to damp off, keep them well ventilated.

Prick out the seedlings into individual pots when they are large enough to handle. Grow them on in a cold frame for their first winter and plant them out into their permanent positions in late spring or early summer.

Give them some protection from winter cold for their first winter or two outdoors.