

Growing Junipers from Seed

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Two methods can now be used to germinate the seed.

1. Sow in a well drained compost, just covering the seed. Water and then seal inside a polythene bag or place in a propagator. Keep the temperature at 15 – 18 Deg C (room temperature is therefore ideal) until the seeds germinate. Alternatively grow in a cold frame.
2. Mix seed with slightly dampened sowing medium, seal in a plastic bag and place in the fridge for 6 weeks. Check regularly for any seeds that germinate and remove these to standard potting compost. After 6 weeks sow as above at 1.

Once the seeds have germinated, which can take several months (or as little as 3-4 weeks) grow on until they are of a size to plant out. The best time for planting out is late spring after all frost has passed to give the plants a chance to settle in before the next period of cold weather.

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