

### **Alnus glutinosa – Common (or European) Alder**

Sow seeds in early autumn in good potting compost, barely covering the seed. Water and seal in polythene bag and place outside or in cold-frame to allow winter weather to assist in breaking dormancy of seed.

Alternatively if seed cannot be sown in autumn, soak seed for 24 hours in luke warm water, then place in a bag of damp vermiculite or moss and stratify in the fridge for 8 weeks, then sow as above, again barely covering.

Growing on:

Plant out, either in the autumn/winter after germination or the following year. Initial growth is fast, so any training will have to start early. It is hardy to USDA Zone 3.