

How to Grow Calibrachoa

Position – Full sun

Soil – Well-drained

Flowering Period – Spring, Summer and Autumn

Hardiness – Tender (cool or frost-free greenhouse)

About Calibrachoa

Calibrachoa are tender perennial plants that often trail in habit with delicate leaves and masses of petunia-like blooms that create decadent displays across long, flowing branches from spring until autumn. Calibrachoa look highly attractive in flower beds and borders within cottage and informal garden settings or within baskets and containers. You should expect to see your plants grow to an approximate height of 20cm (8”) and a spread of 30cm (12”), trailing to around 45cm (18”).

How to plant Calibrachoa

Calibrachoa are best planted in well-drained soil of sand, clay, chalk and loam within an acidic, alkaline and neutral PH balance. Amend your soil with compost or peat moss to enhance the growth of your plants. They are best positioned in a sheltered area which has exposure to full sunlight. At the time of planting, you may wish to add a slow release fertiliser which should be continuously applied monthly.

How to care for Calibrachoa

Calibrachoa are low maintenance and easy to grow. Calibrachoa are relatively drought tolerant and should be watered thoroughly and deeply during periods of prolonged dry spells without the requirement of watering again until the top inch of soil feels dry. Overwatering can cause rot as can watering the foliage instead of the soil. If your plant is starting to look a little weary or is out of shape, you may need undertake some light pruning during midsummer to rejuvenate tired looking blooms and branches.

How to propagate Calibrachoa

It is possible to propagate Calibrachoa by seed.