

Ruellia Southern Star Series

(*Ruellia brittoniana* (*Ruellia tweediana*))

Annuals Culture (revised 02/24/20)

Plug crop time: 5 to 6 weeks

Transplant to finish: Spring 10 weeks, Summer 8 weeks

- The first dwarf ruellia from seed is easy to program and produces clean green foliage.
- Low-maintenance; tolerates both wet and dry conditions.
- Great for southern perennial programs – hardy to Zone 8 (10°F/-12°C minimum temperature).
- Can be used as an in-ground or container annual in other regions, but not recommended for the far North.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	10-12 in. (25-30 cm)	16-18 in. (41-46 cm)	12 in. (30 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days from 50% to maximum germination	Initial Media pH/EC (1:2)	Cover Seed
RAW	288	1	5-6	5-6	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-4	Level 2-4
Temperature	72-76°F (22-24°C)	72-75°F (22-24°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	65-68°F (18-20°C)
Light	Optional	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertiliser		Less than 100 ppm N (Less than 0.7 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 68-75°F (20-24°C) (night) 65-68°F (18-20°C)	6.0-6.5 pH 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)	Facultative Short Day

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Cell Pack	1 (ppp)	10 (weeks)	Late Spring	-
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	10 (weeks)	Late Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	3 (ppp)	10 (weeks)	Late Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	3 (ppp)	8 (weeks)	Summer	-

Fertiliser Notation

Starting 1 week after transplant, apply fertilizer at rate 3 (175 to 225 ppm N/1.2 to 1.5 mS/cm) using a predominately nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus and high potassium.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as guidelines only. PanAmerican Seed recommends that growers conduct a trial of products under their own conditions. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. It is the responsibility of the grower to confirm the treatment is available in their region as well as read and follow all the current label directions relating to the products. Nothing herein shall be deemed a warranty or guaranty by PanAmerican Seed of any products listed herein. PanAmerican Seed's terms and conditions of sale shall apply to all products listed herein.

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