

## Purslane Toucan Series

(*Portulaca oleracea*)

Annuals Culture (revised 01/23/21)

**Plug crop time:** 4 to 5 weeks

**Transplant to finish:** 6 to 7 weeks

- Economical, reliable and programmable seed-grown purslanes for mass-market baskets, containers and groundcover.
- Requires little or no PGRs, no pinching.
- Colourful buds develop into 2-in./5-cm blooms.
- Heat loving and drought tolerant.

NOTE: We recommend sowing 4 seeds per cell.

### General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	3-4 in. (8-10 cm)	14-16 in. (36-41 cm)	12-14 in. (30-36 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	4	4-5	3-4	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	No

### Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-4	Level 2-4
<b>Temperature</b>	68-74°F (20-23°C)	72-75°F (22-24°C)	64-68°F (18-20°C)	64-68°F (18-20°C)
<b>Light</b>	Optional	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	5,000 f.c. (53,800 Lux)
<b>Fertiliser</b>		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)	6.0-6.5 pH	100 to 175 ppm N	Day Neutral
(night) 65-68°F (18-20°C)	1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm	(0.7 to 1.2 EC)	

### Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Cell Pack	1 (ppp)	8-10 (weeks)	Spring	-
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	8-10 (weeks)	Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	2-3 (ppp)	8-10 (weeks)	Spring	-

### Common Problems

Insect: Watch for Aphids.

## Finishing Key Tips

PGR treatment not needed if produced under low feed, dry watering and high-light conditions. If necessary, Topflor (flurprimidol) 30 ppm (7.9 ml/l, 0.38% formulation) spray can be used at 1 week after transplant. Repeat the spray 2 weeks later. Or Bonzi (paclobutrazol) 5 ppm (1.3 ml/l, 0.4% formulation) drench can be used at 1 week after transplant.

**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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Fuchsia



Scarlet Shades