

Mimulus ringens • monkey flower

FOR GENERAL GROWING NOTES SEE "GENERAL GROWING PROTOCOLS" CARD

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS: purplish-blue blooms. H= 1-2' Spread 1-2'

DESIRED SITE LOCATION & SPACING:

- full sun to partial sun
- moist wet soil
- drought tolerance = medium
- 10" between plants and rows (recommended spacing (18-24")

ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:

- Wildlife: attracts butterflies, also a larval host
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: butterflies
- Nectar Source: yes



Seed Stratification Seed-Sow to Finished Plug Outplanting Flowering Period cool and moist, minimum of 60 days February to mid-May (14 weeks) late May late July - early September

SOWING & SEED DEPTH:

- Seeds are VERY small and need light for germination. Surface sow.

SEED COLLECTION:

- mid-October November
- harvest only pods leaving stems for overwintering insects
- harvest pods with pedicel when plump, brown, paper-dry and just as they begin to open
- mature seeds are yellow
- carefully break pod open and pour seed out onto a white collection sheet

PESTS & DISEASE: none of note





