

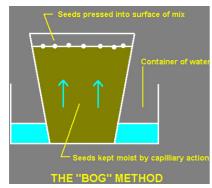
## Cyphomandra Tamarillo Germination.

The propagating media should be free draining but also retain moisture. A commercial seed raising mix is suited. Soil should be maintained at between 15 and 22°C, which is the optimum range for germinating *Tamarillo* seed for best and quickest results.

Germination of the seed of *Tamarillo* species is usually quite easy by normal seed raising methods. No special pretreatment is needed. Germination should occur in 21 to 30 days. Germination requires light do not cover.

Sow seeds in spring in cold climates or year round in hot climates. Sow on the surface of lightly firmed, moist seed compost in pots or trays. Cover seed with a sprinkling of compost or vermiculite. Keep at a temperature of between 15-20C (59-68F). After sowing, do not exclude light as this helps germination. Keep the surface of the compost moist but not waterlogged;

A common method used for germination of *Tamarillo* and related plants is the "bog method" where the pot containing the seeds is placed into a saucer of water until germination occurs. This results in moisture reaching the seeds by capillary action and ensures that the seeds do not dry out.



Germination: 21-30 days Pre-treatment: Not required

Sowing: Sow on surface, and gently firm, cover lighly. Requires light to germinate. Keep warm and

moist.

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