

## **Jujube (*Ziziphus jujuba*)**

Propagation: Planting seeds or cut roots (prone roots)

Seed picking period: Pick fruits before they fall at full maturity. Wash away the pulp of fruit and put the seeds in polyethylene bag for storage.

Storage of seeds: Better not to dry the seeds.

Planting: Seeds can be planted right after picking in autumn, or the following spring.

Soil & flower pot for planting: Use unglazed deep pots of 20 centimeters in diameter. Place soil for plants and flowers with much organic substances. You can plant 2 or 3 seeds in each pot.

Watering: Avoid a dry soil. Give enough water, usually once a day, and keep the soil moist. When saplings shed their leaves, water usually once a week.

Care of saplings: Jujube requires much sun and pots should be kept in a sunny place. After germination, keep the soil moist. Plant the saplings in the ground in the first spring after germination (no leaves in winter season).

Note: The proportion of seeds to germinate is reported low. Jujube grows well in the ground of any type of soil, even in alkaline soil.