

ColourMax 2 - Universal Bloom

100% Annual Flower Seed Mix



Universal Bloom Annual Flower Seed Mix contains twenty four annual flower species and is ideal for creating a splash of colour and a food source for Bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

The species included in this mixture create an attractive display from May to October and is suitable for creating habitats across a diverse range of soil types. It is ideal for use in areas containing a range of micro climates or where there are no particular conditions to overcome.

Universal Bloom supports bees, butterflies and other pollinators as it contains 20 species recommended by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) as 'Perfect for Pollinators'.



Mixture Contents:

Common Name	Latin Name	Quantity	Flowers	Height	Type
1 Agastache	Hyssop	0.5%	Jul - Oct	40 - 60cm	Annual
2 Allium	Allium	6.1%	May - Jun	24 - 35cm	Perennial
3 Anchusa	Anchusa	2.9%	Jun - Sep	25 - 30cm	Annual
4 Blue Bedder	Echium	0.5%	Jun - Oct	30 - 40cm	Annual
5 Borage	Borago officinalis	2.8%	Aug - Sep	60 - 80cm	Annual
6 Campanula	Campanula	0.3%	Jun - Aug	20 - 25cm	Annual
7 Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum	3.5%	May - Sep	20 - 100cm	Annual
8 Coneflower	Echinacea	6.5%	Jun - Sep	80 - 100cm	Perennial
9 Cynoglossum	Cynoglossum	5.5%	Jun - Sep	35 - 45cm	Annual
10 Dianthus	Dianthus	10.6%	Jun - Oct	15 - 35cm	Perennial
11 Evening-primrose	Oenothera biennis	0.5%	Jun - Oct	60 - 100cm	Biennial
12 Flax	Linum	5.6%	Jun - Sep	30 - 50cm	Annual
13 Fennel	Foeniculum	3.2%	Jun - Oct	60 - 150cm	Perennial
14 Gilia	Gilia	1.8%	Jun - Sep	50 - 70cm	Annual
15 Jacobs Ladder	Polemonium	2.3%	Jun - Jul	50 - 70cm	Perennial
16 Love in a Mist	Nigella	10.8%	May - Sep	30 - 40cm	Annual
17 Mirabilis	Mirabilis	16%	Jul - Oct	40 - 60cm	Annual
18 Poppy, Common	Papaver rhoeas	1%	May - Jul	50 - 70cm	Annual
19 Sage	Salvia	5.3%	Jun - Sep	50 - 70cm	Annual
20 Sorrel, Common	Rumex acetosa	2.7%	May - Jul	30 - 100cm	Perennial
21 Tickseed	Coreopsis	5.5%	Jul - Oct	30 - 60cm	Annual
22 Veronica	Veronica	0.3%	Jun - Sep	50 - 70cm	Perennial
23 Wallflower	Cheiranthus	5.3%	May - Nov	30 - 45cm	Biennial
24 Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	0.5%	Jun - Oct	20 - 100cm	Perennial

Contains:



Sowing Rate: 3g/sqm



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Prepare the Ground

Universal Bloom Annual Flower Seed Mix performs well in most soil types. For best results sow into bare soil after clearing all existing plants and weeds from the area.

Cultivate the ground to a depth of 10cm to relieve compaction and create a fine level tilth, free from obstructions (to allow for mowing at a later stage). Finish the seedbed by treading or lightly rolling the area, so that it is firm enough to stand on without leaving indentations.

Where weeds have been prevalent, allow a flush of weeds to germinate and remove these before sowing. In areas of high fertility, it may be necessary to remove the topsoil and sow into the subsoil. High nutrient soils encourage weeds and fast growing grasses which may outcompete the flowers in this mixture.

Universal Bloom can be used to overseed into existing grassland, provided the sward comprises only fine leaved grasses and does not include ryegrass, agricultural species or weeds. Cut the grass as short as possible and thoroughly scarify or rake the ground to remove any thatch, moss and other debris from the area.

Sowing

Universal Bloom can be sown in March or November. Spring and autumn provide ideal conditions as moisture and warmth are in good supply. If overseeding into grass, it is best to sow during autumn when grass growth has slowed down.

Distribute seed with a handheld or pedestrian spreader, at the recommended sowing rate of 3g/sqm. Mix the flower seeds with an inert carrier (such as sharp sand), at a ratio of four parts sand to one part seed (by weight). This makes it easier to achieve an even distribution and also provides a visual marker, making it easier to see any missed patches and avoid seeding areas twice.

Regularly mix the seed when sowing, as seeds will naturally separate due to variations in size and weight.

Once sown, ensure good 'seed to soil' contact by lightly raking to a depth of 0.5cm or rolling the area. When overseeding this encourages the seeds to fall down to the ground underneath.

It is also possible to broadcast, drill or hydroseed this mixture for larger or hard to reach areas. However, broadcast spreading throws heavier seeds further so this may impact the distribution and when drilling, the seed must not be buried deeper than 0.7cm.

Sowing Rate

The sowing rate of 3g/sqm is designed to produce optimum results. Reducing the sowing rate is likely to result in invasion from weed species. Increasing the sowing rate generally leads to reduced diversity as the more aggressive species will outcompete slower growing plants.

This rate also applies when overseeding into grassland as many seeds may fail to germinate due to the increased competition from the existing grasses, and some seeds not reaching the soil surface.

Maintenance First Year

Universal Bloom contains annual species, which are fast to establish and flower. During the first year remove any weeds. Weed growth is common due to the action of disturbing the ground (rather than being caused by contaminated seed mixtures).

After flowering the plants will naturally die back over the winter. Allow the plants to run to seed in autumn then cut the area down using a scythe, strimmer or mower, leaving the cuttings for up to a week before clearing the area. This will allow them to dry and shed seeds back into the soil.

Second Year

Depending on your sowing preference, cultivate the ground and reseed in September or March.

Over several years of reseeding, a rich seed bank will develop and simply disturbing the soil again in early spring will be sufficient to regenerate the flowers each year.



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