

CULTURE ADVICE

Bracteantha

Description:	Bracteantha goes ideally with other Australian plants such as Scaevola, Brachyscome etc. but also with other sun-loving species. Very beautiful as container ware for summer sets.
Potting:	10.5 - 14 cm pots, 40 - 16 plants/m ² , weeks 6 - 28 15 - 21 cm containers, 16 – 10 plants/m ² ; weeks 6 - 24
Substrate:	Substrate of type 2. pH 5.5 - 6
Fertilization:	Rather consumptive, application of 0.2 - 0.25 % complete fertilizer once or twice a week. Have an eye on iron deficiency symptoms during cultivation. Should they occur, they can easily be remedied with conventional iron chelate fertilizers.
Temperature:	Start at 16 - 18 °C, finish cultivation at 12 - 16 °C, Cool Morning / DIF is of advantage.
Light:	Full light
Flowering:	Starts at end of April depending on light conditions (if no extra light is used).
Growth regulators:	Growth regulation is not necessary.
Pinching:	Pinching is not absolutely necessary. However, if branching is not satisfactory, some trimming or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up. 1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size.
Diseases / pest:	Mildew, botrytis, plant lice, miner flies, white flies; take hygienic measures!

Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.

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