

CULTURE ADVICE

Brachyscome

Description:	The Swan River daisy ("blue daisy") is ideal for combination planting. It is suitable for sunny and shadowy places. Note: Brachyscome varieties are sensitive to excessive soil wetness.
Potting:	8 – 11 cm pot; week 5 to 12, 95 – 47 plants/m ²
Substrate:	Well-drained, loose substrate (e.g. substrate mixed with perlite, rice husks or the like); pH approx. 5
Fertilization:	Make sure to keep a constant humid environment. Moderately consumptive, apply a complete fertilizer (1.5 g/l) once 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 - 14 °C, Cool Morning and DIF are recommended; cold cultivation is possible but extends the cultivation time.
Light:	Full light, no shadow
Flowering:	From April depending on light conditions (if no extra light is used).
Growth regulators:	Growth regulation is not absolutely necessary. Topflor 0.025 % to 0.05 %
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 in case of strong plants, or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size.
Diseases / pest:	Botrytis, white fly; thrips; 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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