

## CULTURE ADVICE

### Heliotropium

<b>Description:</b>	Garden heliotrope matches ideally with other bed and balcony plants provided the site requirements are similar. Consumer tip: Old flowers should be removed from time to time.
<b>Potting:</b>	10 - 12 cm pots; 45 - 32 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; weeks 5 - 10 20 - 25 cm hanging baskets; 16 - 9 pcs./m <sup>2</sup> ; weeks 1 - 8
<b>Substrate:</b>	Well-drained, loose substrate of type 2; pH 5 - 6
<b>Fertilization:</b>	Moderately consumptive, weekly liquid fertilization with a 0.15 to 0.25 % complete fertilizer.
<b>Temperature:</b>	16 - 18 °C; temperatures below 12 °C are poorly tolerated (leaves turn black).
<b>Light:</b>	Full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Starts in mid-/late April depending on light conditions (if no supplementary light is used).
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	If necessary, Cycocel 720 0.1 to 0.15 %, Caramba 0.075 % (minor damage possible).
<b>Pinching:</b>	1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size.
<b>Diseases / pest:</b>	Botrytis, white fly; plant lice; 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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