

Mimosa Pudica, Touch me not, Chui mui - Plant



Mimosa pudica or touch me not plant is grown as an ornamental plant in pots indoors as well as in the garden for its beautiful foliage that looks like fern and its flowers that looks like fluffy ball. The most interesting feature of mimosa pudica plant (sensitive plant) is its ability to fold the leaves when touched thatâ€™s why it is called touch me not.

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Description

Description for Mimosa Pudica, Touch me not, Chui mui

Touch me not plant is propagated by seeds and cuttings. Its an extremely easy plant to grow and germinates quickly. Seed sowing must be done when temperature is warm. In summer, take cuttings of woody branches, apply rooting hormone and plant them in starter mix. You can keep cutting in plastic bag until they form roots.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Mimosa Pudica, Touch me not, Chui mui, Sensitive plant, Shy plant	Pink	-	12 - 24 inches	easy to grow

Planting and care

Choose a warm, sheltered location when growing. The vining varieties require a support structure as some can get 15 feet tall. All plants prefer sun to light shade sites with well-draining and moderately fertile soil. Install the plant in the ground at the same level it was growing in the nursery pot.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
loves to grow in full sun, however it thrives in partial	well-drained soil	Water regularly when plant is in active growth. In winter	-	Fertilize the plant with all purpose liquid fertilizer once

shade too.

withhold or reduce watering.

in a month in growing season. Application of compost in spring is also helpful in healthy growth of plant.

Caring for Mimosa Pudica

- Soak your sensitive plant seeds in water for about 1 to 2 days to soften their hard shells.
- Have a small pot ready, fill with good quality compost and sprinkle your soaked mimosa pudica seeds lightly on the surface of the soil. Gently cover with about 2-4cm of loose soil, but don't compress it.
- Water the soil - but not too much. Sensitive plants can move but they can't swim!
- Keep your seeds in a warm place until they sprout in about 1 week.
- Once they have sprouted, they like to be watered well for the first week or so while their roots develop.
- Make sure that your new sensitive plants are getting lots of sunlight - they love to sunbathe.
- And guess what, as they grow, you'll also notice that they are sensitive to heat too!
- Once your plant gets bigger, you will notice its leaves change shape to look like a fern with lots of little sets of brushes.
- This is because the first leaves your plant gets are just to help it grow. After that, the plant begins to grow its sensitive leaves.
- Have fun tickling your new sensitive plant and watch it curl up and pretend to sleep!
- Try different ways of making it curl up. Tickle it, touch it, blow on it, the sensitive plant responds in different ways to all of these stimuli, so have fun!

Typical uses of Mimosa Pudica

Special features: Best in wet woodland gardens and moist locations along streams and ponds. Also appropriate for shaded areas of a native plant garden or naturalized planting.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

References

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