

Astelia Red Devil

(*Astelia nivicola*)

Propagation

Not Applicable.

Growing On to Finish

Media

Use a well-drained, disease-free, soilless media with a pH of 5.5 to 6.2 and a medium initial nutrient charge (EC 0.75 mmhos/cm). The key feature is to have good drainage. A 50% perlite mix is critical for success.

Temperature

Nights: 60 to 64°F (16 to 18°C)

Days: 66 to 74°F (19 to 23°C)

Cooler temperatures may inhibit growth rate.

Light

Maintain light levels as high as possible while maintaining temperature.

Irrigation

Allow the media to stay evenly moist, but not overly saturated. Overwatering has the potential for rotting at the base of the plants as well as root rot. Clear water once a month to remove salt build-up. Water in early morning, so the foliage is dry prior to nightfall.

Fertilizer

Apply 200 ppm N once a week.

Growth Regulators

Growth regulators should not be applied.

Pinching

Do not pinch.

Spacing

Astelia can be grown pot tight.

Crop Scheduling

Transplant to finish: 5 to 6 months in a 6-in. (15-cm) container

Container Size

4-in. (10-cm) pot: 1 plant per pot

1-gallon (18-cm) pot: 1 plant per pot

Pests

Monitor for mites regularly.

Program Details

Liners available through the Ball Ornamentals supplier network

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.