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The Quality and Benefits of Colour Splash Mixtures

Limagrain are plant breeders and suppliers of superior seed varieties and mixtures for the amenity industry, farmers and growers. Limagrain is the largest plant breeder and supplier in the UK forage and amenity market.

Varieties and Quality Control

Limagrain select varieties that produce consistent results that are formulated into mixtures to give outstanding results. Purity and germination of seed lots are checked at each stage of the production process and packed to meet industry standards, to ensure customers receive high quality seed ready for sowing and brightening the landscape.



Read on to discover the range of different mixtures available. ▶▶▶▶▶

- Very easy to grow in the Spring
- Aurora and Biodiversity mixtures are suitable for Autumn sowing
- Cost effective way of improving the landscape
- Fast flowering from sowing with long flowering season
- Does not require fertiliser or pesticides
- Robust plants that can withstand reasonable spells of dry weather
- Helps raise awareness of the local environment
- Reduced water consumption
- Improves Biodiversity
- Provides a food source and cover for insects, bees and birds



FESTIVAL

This rich mixture contains some new varieties, such as the Sunbow Zinnia, which provides several waves of flowers, whereas the more classic varieties of Zinnia only flower once.




Festival offers good cover and a source of nectar for insects and wildlife. It is an appropriate mixture for dry land, since a lack of water will only tend to limit growth height.




This is a tall growing mixture, around 1 to 1.5m or more on fertile soil.

Festival contains:

- 1 **Cornflower** - *Centaurea cyanus*
- 2 **Yellow Cosmos** - *Cosmos sulphureus*
- 3 **Cosmos Bipinnatus Sensation** - *Cosmos bipinnatus*
- 4 **Sunbow Zinnia** - *Zinnia elegans*
- 5 **Tithonia Torch** - *Tithonia speciosa*

Floral arrangement:

-  **ANNUALS:**
5 flowers
-  **SOWING:**
April - June, 2g/m²
-  **HEIGHT:**
1 - 1.5m
-  **ADVANTAGES:**
Good cover for wild habitat;
Festival can be easily seen
from a distance

-  **GERMINATION:**
8 - 10 days in the correct
climatic conditions
-  **FLOWERING:**
From late June to mid-
November. First Cornflower,
then Cosmos Sulphureus,
Zinnia, Tithonia and then
finally Cosmos Bipinnatus
-  **PACKAGING OPTIONS:**
4kg bag and / or 400g metal
can / bag





AURORA

Sunbow Zinnia and Trianon Cosmos are varieties that provide more effective and long-lasting flowering.





Aurora is the general all purpose mixture for all soil types.




This is a medium height mixture, around 0.5m tall.

Aurora contains:

- 1 Polka Dot Cornflower - *Centaurea cyanus*
- 2 Sunbow Zinnia - *Zinnia elegans*
- 3 Pacific Beauty English Marigold - *Calendula officinalis*
- 4 California Poppy - *Eschscholzia californica*
- 5 Garden Cosmos - *Cosmos bipinnatus*

Floral arrangement:

-  **ANNUALS:**
5 flowers
-  **SOWING:**
April - June, 2g/m²
-  **HEIGHT:**
0.5m
-  **ADVANTAGES:**
Good cover; Aurora can be seen easily from a distance

-  **GERMINATION:**
8 - 10 days in the correct climatic conditions
-  **FLOWERING:**
From mid-June to early November. First Cornflower and Eschscholzia, then Zinnia and finally Trianon Cosmos and Pacific Beauty
-  **PACKAGING OPTIONS:**
4kg bag and / or 400g metal can / bag





HONEY BEE

Honey Bee mixture is composed of flowering plants for landscaping, which will attract insects, bees and other pollinators.

This mixture is perfect for attracting pollinating insects whilst beautifying the countryside.

In addition to species that have been recognised for a long time for their melliferous character, such as Borage or Cornflower, other species such as Cosmos Sulphureus, Godetia and Rudbeckia are included in the mixture.




This is a tall growing mixture, around 1 to 1.5m.

Honey Bee contains:

- 1 **Borage** - *Borago officinalis*
- 2 **Cornflower** - *Centaurea cyanus*
- 3 **Godetia** - *Clarkia elegans*
- 4 **Garden Cosmos** - *Cosmos bipinnatus*
- 5 **Yellow Cosmos** - *Cosmos sulphureus*
- 6 **Californian Poppy** - *Eschscholzia californica*
- 7 **Sunflower** - *Helianthus annuus*
- 8 **Indian Blanket** - *Gaillardia pulchella*
- 9 **Farewell to Spring** - *Clarkia amoena*
- 10 **Black Eyed Susan** - *Rudbeckia hirta*
- 11 **Common Zinnia** - *Zinnia elegans*



Floral arrangement:

-  **ANNUALS:** 11 flowers
-  **SOWING:** April - June, 2g/m²
-  **HEIGHT:** 1 - 1.5m
-  **ADVANTAGES:** Good cover for wild habitat
-  **GERMINATION:** 8-10 days, in the correct climatic conditions
-  **FLOWERING:** From mid-June to mid-October
-  **PACKAGING OPTIONS:** 4kg bag and / or 400g metal can / bag



BIODIVERSITY

This mid-height, strikingly rich mixture is designed to attract butterflies, pollinating insects and in general, small invertebrate or vertebrate fauna. This mixture will provide predatory insects with food and water. It will also provide a food source for many vertebrates.

Biodiversity contains useful plants which act on the soil; the roots of these plants promote the micro fauna, soil aeration and the decomposition of organic matter. The inclusion of Lupins in the mixture will enrich soil fertility because these plants are leguminous and have the ability to 'fix' nitrogen from the atmosphere.







This is a medium growing mixture, around 0.5 - 0.8m.

Biodiversity contains:

- 1 **White Yarrow** - Achillea millefolium
- 2 **Large Green Basil** - Ocimum basilicum
- 3 **Mixed California Poppy** - Eschscholzia californica
- 4 **Mixed Double Barbeau Cornflower** - Centaurea cyanus
- 5 **Red Poppy** - Papaver rhoeas
- 6 **Queen of May Chrysanthemum** - Chrysanthemum leucanthemum
- 7 **Aegean Wallflower** - Erysimum cheiri
- 8 **Silvercup Mont Blanc Lavatera** - Lavatera trimestris
- 9 **Red Flax** - Linum grandiflorum
- 10 **Blue Perennial Flax** - Linum perenne
- 11 **Pixie Delight Dwarf Lupin** - Lupinus nanus
- 12 **Mixed Simple Sweet William** - Dianthus barbatus
- 13 **Calendula Pacific Beauty** - Calendula officinalis
- 14 **Mixed Thlaspi Umbellata** - Iberis umbellata
- 15 **Vipers Bugloss** - Echium vulgare



Floral arrangement:

-  **ANNUALS, BI-ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS:**
15 flowers
-  **SOWING:**
April to mid-June, 2g/m²
-  **HEIGHT:**
0.5 - 0.8m
-  **ADVANTAGES:**
Provides many benefits for the fauna and soil, lasting 2 to 3 years
-  **FLOWERING:**
From mid-June to late September the first year, then from April to July in the following years
-  **PACKAGING OPTIONS:**
1 or 4kg bags





Technical Guide to Colour Splash

When to sow Colour Splash

Sowing should primarily take place in spring, as the soil must be warm and moist enough to promote seed germination. It is possible to sow seeds from the end of March or the beginning of April, but late spring frosts should be avoided. Sowing may be undertaken until the end of June.

Where to sow Colour Splash

Colour Splash mixtures can be sown on a wide range of sites and soils, these include golf courses, council parks, road verges, landscape areas and gardens.

Which type of land should not be used for Colour Splash?

Avoid using land that is completely shaded or covered by trees. Most species used in the mixtures need full sunlight, or at least half. Although the flowers used in the Colour Splash mixtures are resistant to drought, the plants will not survive in extreme conditions if the soil cannot retain water sufficiently. Finally, all plots which are susceptible to being overtaken by weeds should be avoided, such as landfills, farmland with a history of weeds and old vacant land.

How to prepare soil for Colour Splash

Soil preparation is a critical step. Under no circumstances should the seed be sown on an area that is already covered (lawns etc.). The seed needs to be in contact with the soil and lightly covered in order to germinate. In most cases, it is necessary to work the soil and prepare a seedbed before sowing the seeds.



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How to sow Colour Splash seeds

Keep seeds in their original packaging at normal temperatures (5°C to 20°C) until planting day. The packaging is specifically designed to keep the seeds well preserved. Before sowing, shake the can or bag in order to mix the seeds well. During the entire sowing period, whether it is done manually or with a machine, continue to mix the seeds in order to have an even distribution of plants. The sowing method depends on the area to be planted.

For small areas (a few hundred m²), hand sowing is the best option. Mix the seeds with sand or similar material at a ratio of 3 parts inert material to 1 part flower seeds. Sowing with a hand seed drill is also possible.

For larger surfaces (several thousand m² or more), it may be wise to use mechanised sowing.

Using a micro-granule or fertiliser applicator is possible. Ensure that the seeds are lightly covered- a suitable roller can be used to provide adequate contact with the soil.

Sowing with a seed drill has many advantages; the seeds are buried and packed down, which promotes germination. Seed drills used typically for grass can be useful as some flower seeds are small and need to be buried in very shallow seed beds (0.5cm).

What is the sowing rate for Colour Splash?

2g/m² gives excellent results.

How to maintain Colour Splash

Colour Splash mixtures require very little maintenance. These flowers do not need to be watered, fertilised or treated with pesticides. On the contrary, the objective is to let them live freely; the flowers and their small associated ecosystems will establish themselves.



1 Produce a medium fine seedbed



2 Sow seed evenly by hand or machine



3 Lightly rake in seed



4 Roll in seed to provide good seed to soil contact



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