



Browallia

You can start the plant by seed indoors 8 to 10 weeks before the last frost. Sow in a flat of seed starter mix with just a dusting of soil on top. Keep lightly moist and place the flat in a well lit location. Seeds emerge in 7 to 10 days and may be planted outside after they have established thick roots and two sets of true leaves. Browallia thrives where light is limited and will still produce its bright starry blooms. Try growing sapphire flower where soil is moist, such as near a water feature or at the edge of a rain garden. The plant needs diffused light to prevent it from burning. In cooler climates, Browallia planting should be in containers, where you can move them indoors as soon as temperatures get cooler. Use a good quality potting mix with some peat moss mixed in to help conserve moisture. Give the plant plenty of supplemental water when growing sapphire flower. They are not tolerant of drought conditions. When planting Browallia outside, leave at least a foot spread between plants.

Care of Browallia Sapphire Plants

This little plant is not terribly fussy as long as it gets some protection from the bright midday sun. Watch for the usual pests and treat with horticultural soap as necessary. The plant is attractive to hummingbirds and some pollinators, so avoid poisonous pesticides. Provide a collar when the plants are outdoor seedlings to protect them from slugs and cutworms. A toilet paper roll works well and can be discarded or composted when the plant no longer needs protection.

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