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Phoenix Canariensis

Clean and then soak the seeds for a couple of days in some warm water, changing frequently, to prevent bugs building up that could rot the seeds. Rinse with a very dilute bleach solution, to kill off any bacteria/fungi.

Place into sealed plastic bags, alongside some vermiculite or perlite, with a small amount of water, such as a couple of tea spoons.

Place the bag into a warm place, and watch for roots emerging from the seeds. Canariensis tends to be an easy germinator, as well as fairly fast, although some may take months longer than others, so don't throw out those that don't start.

You can also grow these in pots of soil, but germination rate much higher, starting them from soaking and then keeping them warm and humid in a sealed bag, when they're sterilised. If you get any seed decay, remove it quickly.

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