



Cornflower (Bachelor's Button) Planting Guide

About Cornflowers

Cornflower, also called bachelor's button, offers brilliant colored, soft and frilly double blossoms with fringed petals and delicate gray-green feather foliage. It is widely cultivated in North America as a garden plant and has naturalized as an invasive species. These blooms are commonly used as fresh or dried flowers in bouquets.

When to Plant

Sow cornflower seeds in early- to mid-spring, after the threat of frost has passed for mid-summer blooms.

Where to Plant

Cornflower will thrive in full sun conditions, but is also tolerant of partial shade. Select an area with good, well-draining soil.

How to Plant

Broadcast sow your seeds directly onto the surface of the soil. Compress the seeds, but leave them uncovered. Once plants have germinated, thin out to a spacing of 8-12" between plants.

Caring for Cornflowers

Keep soil moist, but not wet. Also, while cornflower will tolerate drought conditions, watering during drier periods will help improve flowering. Once the flowers have died back for the season, cut down your growth and remove the debris from the planting area.