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CLIP THE MILKWEED SEED

fast, reliable milkweed germination



Clipping is a simple process. Clip off the tip of the milkweed seed. Milkweed seeds are drop shaped seeds. A milkweed seed has a wide round end and a narrow end. Clip off the narrow end. This is where the root grows. By clipping off the tip of the seed you can germinate the seed in one to five days.

MATERIALS:

- nail clippers, scissor or a knife (I prefer nail clippers like you see in the photo above)

PROCESS

In a single clean cut. Clip off the tip of the milkweed seed. Now go to step two on reverse side of this paper.

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Water Germination of Milkweed Seeds

from seed to soil in seven days*

MATERIALS

- seed warming mat
- dechlorinated water
- thermometer
- cups or bowls

PROCESS

Milkweed seeds are placed in a cup of fresh dechlorinated water and warmed to approximately 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Twice each day, every twelve hours, the water is drained and replenished. Seeds often germinate in two to seven days. Seeds not germinated after seven days can be placed in cold moist stratification for thirty days before trying again.

STEP-BY-STEP

Day 1 AM

- put seeds in a cup
- add one inch of dechlorinated water to the cup
- place cup on seed warming mat

Day 1 PM

- check water temperature with thermometer 75~85 degrees
- drain water and add one inch of dechlorinated water

Day 2 thru 6

- check water temperature as needed 80 degrees is a good target temperature
- drain the water and add one inch of dechlorinated water every twelve hours

Day 7

- plant the sprouting seed root in soil with the leaf end above the soil and water deeply



Scan QR code for Water Germination method

*Recommended method April thru September. Germination rates vary by seed and by species. Cold Moist Stratification is not required for Water Germination.