

Technical Guide

ACHILLEA Tutti Frutti Series

'Apricot Delight' USPP#18738
'Pineapple Mango' USPP#22302
'Pink Grapefruit' USPP#20741
'Pomegranate' USPP#20763
'Wonderful Wampee' USPP#18760

License for propagation is required.

TRANSPLANT LINERS

Pot Size: Transplant liners into 6- to 8-inch (15 to 20 cm) pot with one cell per pot.

Media: Porous soil with good drainage.

Vernalization Trials: Vernalization trials are executed by placing cell flats in a cold greenhouse set at 38°F (3°C) for 10, 5 and 0 weeks. Fluctuations in temperature occur based on natural day and nighttime temperatures in Lancaster, PA, USA.

Vernalization Trial Results: Not required for flowering. Respond to long days. Plants will flower earlier with vernalization.

- Achillea 'Apricot Delight': Plants vernalized for 10 weeks flowered in 11 weeks after transplant of a 72-cell liner. Unvernalized 72-cell liners produced flowering plants in 12 weeks.
- Achillea 'Pink Grapefruit': Plants vernalized for 10 weeks flowered in 10 weeks after planting. Plants vernalized for 5 and 0 weeks both flowered in 11 weeks.
- Achillea 'Pomegranate': Plants vernalized for 10 weeks flowered in 11 weeks after transplant of a 72-cell liner. Plants vernalized for 5 weeks flowered in 12 weeks after transplant of a 72-cell liner.
- Achillea 'Wonderful Wampee': Plants vernalized for 10 weeks flowered in 10 weeks after transplant of a 72-cell liner. Unvernalized 72-cell liners produced flowering plants in 11 weeks.
- Achillea 'Pineapple Mango': Flowered in 12 weeks after transplant of a 72-cell liner vernalized for 10 and 5 weeks. Flowered in 13 weeks after transplant of an unvernalized 72-cell liner.

VARIETY FEATURES

- Great pot performers
- Compact, mounding habit
- Very heat and humidity tolerant
- Long blooming
- Unique color palette



Achillea 'Apricot Delight'





Achillea 'Pineapple Mango'



Achillea 'Pink Grapefruit'

GROWING ON

Media pH: Optimum not tested. Standard for 1-gallon (4 litre) pot is 5.5 to 6.5.

Media EC: Optimum not tested. Standard for 1-gallon (4 litre) pot is 1.5 to 3.

Moisture: Plants should be grown on the dry side.

Fertilizer: While actively growing, plants perform well with a constant liquid feed of 150 ppm nitrogen.

Supplemental Lighting: Achillea is a facultative long-day plant and will flower under any photoperiod according to Michigan State, but flowering is most rapid, uniform, and consistent under long days. For best flowering results, use of supplemental light is not recommended to force flowering with vernalized or unvernalized plugs.

Temperature: If finishing in the greenhouse, heat set at 68°F (20°C) night temperature with venting at 72°F (22°C) is sufficient. Recommend natural-season greenhouse finishing only.

Common Pests: Aphids

Common Diseases: None seen.

Pinching: Not necessary.

Crop Maintenance: After first flush of flowering, plants can be cut back and they will rebloom.

Growth Regulators: Not necessary unless holding in 6- to 8-inch (15 to 20 cm) pot. Growth regulators not trialed.

SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend planting vernalized liners for fastest and most uniform flowering. See Vernalization Trial Results section for timing.

SPECIAL FEATURES

First series of *Achilleas* on the market in four distinct colors. These vigorous, mound-forming *Achilleas* were bred for their compact habit, strong stature and wonderful flower uniformity. Great for summer pot crop production outdoors. From Sahin (now Takii), in the Netherlands. Blooms of Bressingham[®] introductions.

• 'Apricot Delight's chameleon-like apricot flower color is more striking outdoors than inside the greenhouse.

- 'Pink Grapefruit' has rose flowers that fade to a light rose.
- 'Pomegranate' is a striking magenta color unlike any other Achillea.
- 'Wonderful Wampee's' pale pink color in the greenhouse is a much clearer pink outside. Similar in flowering to 'Apple Blossom', but exceeds 'Apple Blossom' in branching and habit.
- 'Pineapple Mango' Well-branching plants with flowers that begin opening dark pink and progress to light pink to a pale yellow when fully open. Creates a dramatic two-toned look that is quite exquisite.

GARDEN STATISTICS:

'Apricot Delight'
Light: Full sun
Mature Height: 21 to 22 inches (53 to 56 cm)
Mature Spread: 22 inches (56 cm)
USDA Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8

'Pineapple Mango'

Light: Full sun Mature Height: 19 inches (48 cm) Mature Spread: 20 inches (51 cm) USDA Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8

'Pink Grapefruit'

Light: Full sun Height (first year): 29 inches (74 cm) Spread (first year): 28 inches (71cm) USDA Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8

'Pomegranate'

Light: Full sun Height (first year): 29 inches (74 cm) Spread (first year): 28 inches (71cm) USDA Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8

'Wonderful Wampee'

Light: Full sun Mature Height: 21 to 22 inches (53 to 76 cm) Mature Spread: 23 inches (58 cm) USDA Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8 CONTAINER STATISTICS: 'Apricot Delight' Light: Full sun Mature Height: 21 inches (53 cm)

'Pineapple Mango'Light: Full sunMature Height: 20 inches (51 cm)

'Pink Grapefruit'Light: Full sunMature Height: 23 inches (57 cm)

'Pomegranate'Light: Full sunMature Height: 23 inches (57 cm)

'Wonderful Wampee'Light: Full sunMature Height: 21 inches (53 cm)



Achillea 'Pomegranate'



Achillea 'Wonderful Wampee'



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