



**HANDLING SEED OF *GREVILLEA ROBUSTA*
(SILK OAK)**

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored for one year at room temperature without significant loss of viability. They should be kept dry and packed in airtight containers.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds do not require any treatment.

Sowing

A space about 1 cm should be left between the seeds. This will give a sowing density of 10,000 seeds per m² of seedbed. This is approximately 100 g of seed per m² of seedbed. Seeds should be covered with sand to a depth of 0.5 cm.

Germination

Germination is fair. It reaches 5% after 10 days and 60% after 45 days from sowing.

One kg of seeds contains 100,000 seeds and may produce 60,000 seedlings under ideal conditions. In many cases, 1 kg of seeds produces about 40,000 seedlings.

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