

Plant Name	Scientific	Common	Family	Date Reviewed 03/24/20
Ephedra equisetina		Bluestem Joint Fir	Ephedraceae	
Propagation Method		Native to		
Seed or divisions		China		
Treatments (Suggested procedures)				
Sow seed in trays or stratification bags and give 30 days cold stratification at 30 - 40°. If sowing in stratification bags, remove seeds that have germinated and put the rest of the seed back in the cooler. If sowing in trays, put trays in the greenhouse to germinate after 30 days cold treatment. Germination can be slow and may take an additional 30 days in the greenhouse.				
Collection Timing and Strategies				
Divisions are taken from suckers in #5 containers or larger and potted into to 4" containers. Suckers can also be removed from garden- and field-grown stock plants.				
Cultural Information				
Greenhouse conditions				
Seedlings should be transplanted into deep cells. Initial plant growth is slow. Root-system restrictions will slow plant growth. Seedlings should be grown outside after risk of frost damage has passed.				
Garden conditions				
Plants do well in a variety of soils. If grown in an irrigated area, plants need a well-drained soil. Plants will produce more suckers if grown in sandy soil. These suckers will have root attached and can be transplanted.				
Other Expert Advice				