



January is the perfect time to plant or to think about planting those native plant seeds that you collected this past fall. It's also not too late to order native seeds from suppliers.

Step #1: It is important to have a planting /cultural guide (from Prairie Moon Nursery or from another source) that tells you which plants need which type of germination strategies. Some of the possibilities include: 1) No pre-treatment at all 2) Hot water treatment, 3) Stratification 4) Surface Sow 5) A Warm-Moist period followed by a Cold, Moist period 6) A Cold Moist period followed by a Warm Moist period 7) A Cold Moist period followed by a Warm Moist period followed by a second Cold Most period 8) Germination in cool soil 9)Scarification 10) Germination with rhizobium inoculum or a combination. Go to <https://www.prairiemoon.com/PDF/2020-Prairie-Moon-Nursery-Cultural-Guide-catalog.pdf> to obtain the Cultural Guide.

Step #2: You might want to investigate Winter Sowing during January and February as a method that incorporates several of these germination methods. <https://wildseedproject.net/2016/11/ideal-time-for-sowing-native-seeds/> Even though the website is further north , the procedures still apply.

Step #3: If you would like a little more information about how to provide your seeds with the proper germination conditions with an indoor method, you can visit the Webinars at [deeproot-skc.org](http://deeproot-skc.org) . Look for the one entitled "Prepping Native Seeds for Planting"

and while you are there , investigate all the other wonderful webinars that they have done:including these gems:

Winter Weeds and Other Spring Needs  
Grow Your Own Habitat at Home, Parts 1 & 2  
Starting Native Gardens from Scratch

Thank you for your interest in Planting Native!