



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Native Hawaiian Ilima or Ilima papa

Scientific Name: *Sida fallax*

Family: Mallow (malvaceae)

Genus: *Sida*

Species: *fallax*

Height:
Dwarf Ilima 2 Ft.

Spacing:
2 to 6 Ft.

Sun Exposure:
Full Sun

Bloom Color: Yellow with no fragrance.

Bloom Time: Year Round

Other Details:

Drought, wind, heat and salt spray tolerant. Too much shade can cause rust or black sooty mold.

Soil Requirements: Well drained soil.

Water Requirements: Dry (good watering once a week).

Propagation Methods:

Grows easily from seeds. Plant in a well-drained mix and keep moist until germination. Germination take anywhere from 10 days to 3 months. It may also be grown from cuttings using a growth hormone.

Seed Collecting: It is recommended that seeds should be soaked at first in hot water and allowed to cool to room temperature for 1 to 24 hours, before planting.

Seed packet goes here

Known Uses:

The flowers can be used as a garnish in salads and has a sweet to no flavor. Hawaiian people used it for a wide range of medicinal purposes from a stool softener for keiki to an asthma remedy. Today the flowers are often used for lei making, taking up to 700 or more blossoms for a single strand of ilima lei. In landscapes it can be used as a hedge, or accent near a rock or patio container plant.