# Antirrhinum majus nanum pendula F1 **Candy Showers**

Unique - the first-ever trailing snapdragon series from seed! Beautiful as a single colour or as a mixture of colours from the series, Candy Showers is ideal for baskets and containers. Try combining with Pansies and other cool season crops for Spring or Autumn sales.

- Can be sold in Spring or Autumn; excellent addition to Autumn trailing Pansy sales
- Trailing habit makes Candy Showers ideal for use in hanging baskets and mixed containers
- Fill baskets with Candy Showers in single colours, a series mix or in combination with other cool-season favourites such as Pansies or Bellis
- Spreads well in garden beds
- Strong, flexible stems are resistant to breakage in transport and hold up well in the garden
- 6 rich, eye-catching colours, excellent at retail and a splash of colour in the cooler seasons in the garden

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| Annual | Bedding Plant |
| Bedding + mixed combo | Half shade + full sun |
| Trailing | 5,000-9,000/gram |
| 20 cm | Normal |
| 25 cm | 12-15 cm |

## Culture Guide

**Plug Culture**

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| **Stage 1** | (days 1-10) Sow multpellet into trays filled with a sterile and well-drained media with an EC of 0.5 or less (1:2 slurry). Optimum pH is 5.5 to 5.8. Do not cover the seed as snapdragon requires light to germinate. Maintain a temperature of 18°C and sufficient moisture until germination is complete. |
| **Stage 2** | (days 11-18) The cotyledons are now visible and roots are beginning to form. Maintain the media moist but not saturated to promote healthy root development and penetration. Maintain the air temperature at 18°C and apply a light feeding at 50-75 ppm nitrogen from a well-balanced calcium nitrate based formulation. |
| **Stage 3** | (days 19-27) The first true leaves are developed and roots are beginning to penetrate the media. Allow the media to dry slightly between irrigations to promote healthy root development. Maintain air temperature between 18-20°C. Increase the fertilizer |
| **Stage 4** | (days 28-35) At the end of stage 4 the plugs should have 2-3 sets of true leaves and the roots should hold the plug media together. Optimum air temperature is 15-18°C to help tone the plugs. Maintain the EC level at 0.75 to 1.0 (1:2 slurry). |

**Pack & Pot Culture**

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| **In general** | Candy Showers is mostly uses for larger pots, container or hanging baskets. |
| **Media** | Select a sterile and well-drained media with a pH between 5.5-5.8 and low in nutrients (EC level less than 1.0). |
| **Transplanting** | Candy Showers becomes receptive to flower bud initiation at 5 pairs of true leaves. To promote sufficient vegetative growth in the final container, transplant when plugs have around 2 leaf pairs. A photoperiod of >10. 5 hours is necessary to initiate and develop flowers. |

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| **Temperature** | Optimum growing temperature is 15-18°C during the day and 15°C at night. Once established the night temperature may be reduced to 10-13°C. |
| **Fertilizer** | Maintain the media EC between 1.0 to 1.5 (1:2 slurry) by applying 150-200 ppm of nitrogen as needed from a well-balanced calcium nitrate based formulation. The use of cal/mag formulations like 15-5-15 work well to supply adequate amounts of magnesium. Avoid high rates of ammonium, especially at low temperatures, which promotes softer growth and stretched plants. High pH (>6.5) results in iron chlorosis. |
| **Lighting** | Antirrhinum is a facultative long day plant. Providing long days (>14 hours) along with supplemental lighting, up to 27,000 lux, will hasten development and flowering. |
| **Growth regulators** | Bonzi (paclobutrazol), and B-Nine (daminozide) are all effective, but maintaining optimum temperatures and watering practices provides the best control. Also production outside will help to produce compact plants. |
| **Pests & diseases** | Aphids, Thrips and Spider Mites. Botrytis, Downy Mildew, Powdery Mildew, Pythium, Rust, Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus and Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus. |
| **Crop schedule** | Container Plants per pot * Weeks from transplant**<br>10 cm 1 multi-plg 5-6 weeks<br>12 cm 1 multi-plg 6-7 weeks<br>15 cm 1 multi-plg |

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