

# How to Propagate Eupatorium mohrii



## Unveiling the Secrets of Mohrs Thoroughwort Propagation: A Guide to Growing More of This Native Beauty

Mohr's thoroughwort (*Eupatorium mohrii*), a charming wildflower native to the southeastern United States, is gaining popularity for its delicate beauty and adaptability in gardens. This perennial boasts clusters of fluffy, pink to purple flowers that attract pollinators and add a touch of whimsical charm to any landscape. While acquiring Mohr's thoroughwort from native plant nurseries is an option, propagating your own is a rewarding experience that lets you expand your garden and share this native treasure with others.

### Three Methods for Multiplying Your Mohr's Thoroughwort:

Fortunately, Mohr's thoroughwort offers several [propagation methods](#), catering to gardeners of all experience levels. Let's

explore three effective techniques:

### **1. Seed Starting: A Journey from Tiny Seeds to Flourishing Plants**

Propagating Mohr's thoroughwort from seed is an excellent way to grow a large number of plants.

- **Timing is Key:** Start seeds indoors approximately 6-8 weeks before the last expected frost in your area.
- **Sowing the Seeds:** Use a seed starting mix and sprinkle seeds on the surface. Gently press them in, ensuring they receive light for germination.
- **Patience is a Virtue:** Keep the soil consistently moist and provide warmth (around 70°F). Germination typically takes 2-4 weeks.
- **Graduating to the Outdoors:** Once seedlings develop a couple of true leaves, harden them off gradually before transplanting them outdoors after the danger of frost has passed.

### **1. Division: Creating New Beginnings from Established Clumps**

Division is an efficient way to propagate mature Mohr's thoroughwort plants, rejuvenating older clumps and creating new ones simultaneously.

- **When to Divide:** Early spring or fall, when the plant is dormant or just beginning to show new growth, are the ideal times for division.
- **Dividing the Clump:** Carefully dig up the entire clump and gently separate it into smaller sections, ensuring each division has a healthy portion of roots and shoots.
- **Replanting:** Replant the divisions at the same depth they were previously growing and water them thoroughly.

### **1. Cuttings: Encouraging New Growth from Stem Sections**

Taking stem cuttings is another viable method, particularly

during the active growing season.

- **Selecting the Right Cuttings:** Choose healthy, non-flowering stems and make a clean cut just below a leaf node.
- **Preparing the Cuttings:** Remove the lower leaves and dip the cut end in rooting hormone (optional but beneficial).
- **Creating a Humid Environment:** Plant the cuttings in a well-draining potting mix and enclose the pot in a plastic bag to maintain humidity.
- **Patience and Observation:** Keep the soil consistently moist and place the pot in a bright location but out of direct sunlight. Rooting typically takes 4-6 weeks. Once roots develop, you can transplant the rooted cuttings.

### **Tips for Success:**

No matter which propagation method you choose, remember these essential tips:

- **Well-draining soil:** Mohr's thoroughwort prefers well-drained soil with a slightly acidic to neutral pH.
- **Sun or Partial Shade:** Provide at least 4-6 hours of direct sunlight, although this resilient plant can tolerate partial shade.
- **Water Wisely:** Water regularly, especially during dry periods, but avoid overwatering which can lead to root rot.

By following these guidelines, you can propagate Mohr's thoroughwort successfully and enjoy the satisfaction of witnessing its delicate beauty grace your garden year after year. So why not roll up your sleeves and embark on your propagation journey today?