

How to Propagate *Evolvulus nummularius*



Watch Your Garden Carpet Itself: Propagating the Enchanting *Evolvulus Nummularius*

The *Evolvulus nummularius*, also known as Roundleaf Bindweed or Dwarf Morning Glory, is a charming groundcover that brings a touch of delicate beauty to any garden. This low-growing perennial boasts adorable, round leaves and dainty, sky-blue flowers that resemble miniature morning glories. But what truly sets this plant apart is its effortless propagation, making it a joy for both seasoned and novice gardeners alike.

Two Roads to *Evolvulus* Expansion: Seeds vs. Cuttings

While this tenacious plant often spreads naturally through self-seeding, you can easily take charge and multiply your *Evolvulus* with two simple methods:

1. [Seed Propagation](#): Sow the Seeds of Success

Evolvulus nummularius produces small, round seed pods that burst open when ripe, scattering seeds around the mother plant. To take control of this process:

- **Collect:** Gather ripe seed pods before they burst, or collect the tiny, black seeds directly from the ground.
- **Prepare:** You can sow seeds directly into the garden or start them indoors for a head start. Use a well-draining seed starting mix, and lightly press the seeds into the surface, barely covering them.
- **Water:** Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged.
- **Light:** Place the seed trays or pots in a bright, warm location, but out of direct sunlight.
- **Transplant:** Once seedlings develop a few sets of true leaves, carefully transplant them to individual pots or your garden.

2. Cuttings: Sharing is Caring (and Easy!)

Propagating *Evolvulus* from cuttings is remarkably simple and offers a quicker path to established plants:

- **Take the Cut:** Choose healthy, non-flowering stems, ideally around 4-6 inches long. Use clean, sharp shears to make a cut just below a leaf node.
- **Prepare the Cutting:** Remove the bottom leaves, leaving a couple of leaf pairs at the top.
- **Rooting Hormone (Optional):** While not strictly necessary, dipping the cut end in rooting hormone can encourage faster root development.
- **Planting:** Fill small pots with well-draining potting mix. Create a hole with a pencil and gently insert the cutting, burying the leaf node.
- **Water and Light:** Thoroughly water the cuttings and place them in a well-lit area, avoiding direct sunlight.
- **Roots!:** With consistent moisture and warmth, you should see new growth in a few weeks, indicating successful

root development. Once roots are established, you can transplant the cuttings to their final location.

Evolvulus Nummularius: A Spreading Delight

Whether you choose seeds or cuttings, propagating your Evolvulus is a rewarding experience. This resilient and easy-to-grow plant thrives in full sun to partial shade and tolerates a variety of soil conditions as long as they are well-draining. Its cascading habit makes it ideal for hanging baskets, trailing over walls, or creating a charming groundcover that will effortlessly spread and fill in gaps in your garden. So why wait? Embark on your Evolvulus propagation journey and watch your garden become a canvas of delicate beauty.