

# Polycarpon tetraphyllum



## Multiply Your Luck: A Guide to Propagating Four-Leaved Polycarpon

The **Four-Leaved Allseed**, also known as *Polycarpon tetraphyllum*, might not be as famous as its lucky clover cousin, but this charming groundcover offers a unique appeal for gardeners looking for something a little different. Found naturally across various parts of the world, this adaptable plant is surprisingly easy to propagate, allowing you to spread its delicate charm throughout your garden.

This guide will walk you through the different methods of propagating *Polycarpon tetraphyllum*, empowering you to multiply your luck (and your garden's beauty) with ease!

## Propagation Methods: Sow the Seeds of Success

### 1. [Seed Propagation](#): The Gift that Keeps on Giving

*Polycarpon tetraphyllum* prolifically produces seeds, making seed propagation a rewarding and straightforward method.

Here's how:

- **Timing is Key:** Sow seeds in spring after the last frost.
- **Prepare the Seedbed:** Use a well-draining seed starting mix and moisten it thoroughly.
- **Surface Sow:** Sprinkle the tiny seeds on the surface and press them gently; they need light to germinate.
- **Patience is a Virtue:** Germination can take anywhere from 1 to 3 weeks. Ensure consistent moisture and warmth (around 70°F or 21°C).

## 2. Cuttings: A Shortcut to Success

For faster results and to preserve the characteristics of a particular plant, cuttings are a great option. Here's the process:

- **Choose Your Weapon:** Select healthy, non-flowering stems in late spring or early summer.
- **Make the Cut:** Use a clean, sharp knife or pair of scissors to cut about 3-4 inches of stem below a node (where leaves emerge).
- **Prepare the Cutting:** Remove the lower leaves to expose the nodes.
- **Root Hormone (Optional):** Dip the cut end in rooting hormone to encourage faster rooting.
- **Potting Time:** Plant the cuttings in a well-draining potting mix.
- **Humidity is Key:** Cover the pot with a plastic bag or humidity dome to create a warm, humid environment.
- **Rooting in Progress:** Keep the soil consistently moist and wait for 2-3 weeks for roots to develop.

## Caring for Your New Propagations

Once your *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* babies start growing, follow these tips:

- **Gradual Acclimatization:** Slowly acclimate seedlings and

rooted cuttings to outdoor conditions before transplanting them.

- **Sunlight Needs:** These plants thrive in full sun to partial shade.
- **Well-Drained Soil:** Ensure good drainage to prevent root rot.
- **Watering Wisely:** Water regularly, allowing the soil to dry slightly between waterings.
- **Pinching for Fullness:** Pinch back the tips of young plants to encourage bushier growth.

## Embrace the Charm of *Polycarpon Tetraphyllum*

Propagating this delightful groundcover is easier than you might think. Whether you choose the magic of seeds or the efficiency of cuttings, you'll soon be enjoying a spreading carpet of delicate foliage and dainty flowers. So go ahead, multiply your luck and add a touch of subtle charm to your garden with *Polycarpon tetraphyllum*!