

# A Simple way to Grow Bromeliads from Seed

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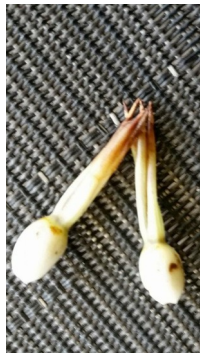


Seed Pods can be found in the well of Bromeliads

In this photo you can see the swollen seed in the centre of this Bromeliad

Mature pods will easily be extracted by tugging them. Immature seed pods will be hard to extract

Extracted Seed pods



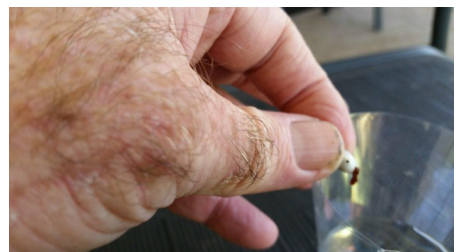
Cut the top out of a soft drink bottle and keep the lid on



Place a small amount of water into the bottle



Squeeze the seed pod to push the seed into the water



Swirl the mixture to separate seed from sticky residue. Seed will sink to the bottom



Slowly unscrew the cap to allow excess water to escape. Be careful with release of water so that seed remains in the cap.

You could finish up with several hundred seeds if you get a bit carried away like me

Half fill a plastic container ( *in this case I used a small coleslaw container*) with peat. I have also used fine potting mix with success



Evenly spread the seed on top of the peat mixture and wet down with water in an atomiser



Write the name of the seed on a tag and include the date of planting. Place this tag into the container and then replace the lid

Place the container in a warm position out of the direct sun.

Check every day and spray with an atomiser to keep the mix moist

Seed will germinate within a few weeks. The ones shown in photo ( *taken 9 February 2018*) to the right were planted by me in mid January



Continue to keep water up to the small plants and maintain them in the closed container for a few months. You can then start to fertilizer with a weak solution and eventually pot them up when you consider they are a reasonable size. I use a pair of tweezers for this purpose and pot them up in a mix of potting mix containing cut up sphagnum moss. A dozen or so can fit in a small pot at this stage until further potting is required.