

# Procedures for Germinating & Growing Aldar Trees

## "COMMON UK ALDAR"

### "ALDAR Tree"

Alnus glutinosa)Swamp-dweller, water-lover. The wood of this tough tree doesn't rot when waterlogged, instead turning stronger and harder.

Conical in shape, mature trees can reach a height of around 28m and live to approximately 60 years.



### • Prepare your work / gardening station

Collect your seeds place them in a sealed plastic bag.  
if you have some cheap tweezers give them a quick wash, broom down your table top/side.

### • Equipment

- Sealable plastic bags, that will keep moisture in.
- Paper towels that can keep moisture in.
- Small amount of compost / Pete / cocoa
- Small Plant Pot

### • First Stage: Stratification

- Set a plastic re-sealable bag, or polythene bag that can be sealed enough to keep moist.
- place a moist / wet paper towel down not soaking just past moist will do.
- Place the seeds onto the paper towel and seal in plastic bag then put bag in the fridge
- Take seeds out of fridge (4Degrees Celsius) after 3-10 weeks, check them for early germination. Stratification mimics the cold period the seeds would usually be subject to in the wild.

### • Germinate Seeds.

- Place the paper towel + bag and seeds somewhere where the temperture will stay around 14 - 25 degrees Celsius. keep picking out the germinated seed, pot them up as you go. place ungerminated seeds back in the fridge and repeat the pre-treatment.

The wet conditions found in alder woodland are ideal for a number of mosses, lichens and fungi, along with the small pearl-bordered fritillary and chequered skipper butterflies, and some species of crane fly. Alder roots make the perfect nest sites for otters.



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