

## Japanese Red Pine - Pinus Densiflora

**1) Scarification:** Seeds need to be scarified to facilitate germination. Place seeds in hot water for 24-48hr, let water cool down. As an option, you can renew the hot water after 24hr and leave for another 24 hrs..

**2) Stratification:** Place seeds in moist medium ( sand / peat / vermiculite ) in a Ziplock bag or a container. Seeds must go in dormancy for 30 days before being ready for germination. To achieve dormancy, you place your ziplock containing the seeds in the fridge.

**3) Sowing :** After the stratification period, seeds can now be sow outside or in container.

**The natural way :** If you live in the northern climates as an option, you can sow the seeds in the fall, leaving nature to do stratification process These steps will achieve themselves during the winter, and the next spring you should have seedlings, as soon as the weather gets warmer.