

# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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## A Gift from Our Garden

<b>Botanical Name</b>	Mimosa strigilosa
<b>Common Name</b>	Sunshine Mimosa, Sensitive Plant
<b>Mature Size</b>	8" ground cover
<b>Bloom Color</b>	Pink
<b>Bloom Period</b>	Spring to Winter
<b>Bloom Form</b>	Ball Shaped
<b>Water</b>	Moderate
<b>Light</b>	Full Sun to Light Shade
<b>Fragrance</b>	None
<b>Uses</b>	Ground Cover
<b>Special Features</b>	Florida Native, Tough, Hardy, EZ Care
<b>USDA Hardiness</b>	8, 9, 10, 11



***Mimosa strigilosa*** or ***Sunshine Mimosa*** or ***Sensitive Plant*** is a prostrate ground cover that grows very close to the ground and spreads out laterally. It is an evergreen perennial with small oval pinnate leaves (like a feather) that resemble fern. The leaves will fold close if the plant is touched or disturbed. From late spring to early winter it puts up 6 inch stalks of unique sparkling pink puff ball flowers.

***Sunshine Mimosa*** is native to Florida, Georgia and many areas in Texas, and is a very useful addition for problem landscape areas. It is a great alternative to turf for embankments or other problem mowing areas, and a great low maintenance landscape addition. The unique and interesting flowers make it a great choice for borders, porch and patio planters or baskets, or as filler in mixed perennial beds.

Soak seeds in water for 24 hours prior to planting. Then sow about 1/8" deep in the soil. Keep soil damp but not soggy while waiting for seeds to sprout.

For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at [service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com](mailto:service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at [emeraldgoddessgardens.com](http://emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

## ***Please accept this gift from our garden:***

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have a spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy and please come back often!*

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### **Getting your seeds started:**

Germination times and requirements for seeds can vary greatly, so here are some basic tips for caring for your seeds once they have sprouted and the specifics on convincing Sunshine Mimosa seeds to sprout.

- Soak seeds in water for 24 hours before sowing about 1/8" deep in the soil. We recommend planting at this depth to deter any garden friends who may consider eating your seeds.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Water regularly to keep the top layer of soil consistently moist, but not soggy.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Once small sprouts begin to emerge, decrease watering so that the top 1/2" of soil is allowed to dry between watering. If sprouts begin to droop, they are ready to be watered.
- Thin sprouts as they emerge and replant in a new container or dispose of to achieve the desired number of plants in each pot.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new pot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.

*Gift plants are our courtesy way of saying Thank You and that we appreciate your order, and are not covered by any Warranty that may apply to your paid order. We hope you will enjoy watching your seeds grow into something amazing!*

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