

Pink flowering Mimosa Sensitive Vine
(AKA: Touch-me-not, Sunshine Powderpuff)
Mimosa strigilosa



This Florida Native makes a GREAT houseplant or ground cover. Very easy care and attractive plants grow great in hanging baskets, containers or in the landscape in warmer zones (hardy to zone 8).

What makes these plants FUN is how the leaves move and fold into a 'sleeping' position when touched. The flowers are like perfect pink powderpuffs with yellow tips on the outside of the puff.

These plants are very tolerant of all types of soil from wet to dry and can handle both sun and shade. Excellent for xeriscapes. Being in the Fabaceae family, they have the ability to 'fix' the nitrogen in the soil, so growing in poor soil is no problem!

Planting Instructions:

Your plant has been through a hard trip and needs a little TLC to get going again. It is not unusual for some of the leaves to yellow and die from the shipping, but new sprouts will appear soon. I suggest removing from the container it was shipped in and planting in a 1 gallon container or 10" hanging basket and keeping in a FULL SHADE location and well watered for about a week or until it isn't wilted any longer and starts putting out new growth. When it has recovered, you may move to bright shade or full sun and reduce to average watering. If your final garden location is in full or mostly shade, then you can plant directly from the shipping container to the ground and keep soil damp for a few days until the plant recovers then reduce to average water or even no supplemental water except in extremely dry conditions. In the garden, the plant will spread out and the runners will root as it grows across the ground.

If you will be growing it permanently in a container, then, to make your plant more full and bushy, as your vine grows wrap the new growth back into the container and cover a portion of the stem with some soil. Every place you cover the stem with soil, it will root.

Whether in a container or on the ground, to start new plants:

Still attached to mother plant



Firm soil around the stem

Take a stem or runner from your plant and LEAVING IT ATTACHED TO THE MOTHER PLANT, run a portion of it in a pot that is filled $\frac{1}{2}$ way with potting soil then cover the vine up by filling the pot the rest of the way up with potting soil.

Keep this pot watered regularly and in about 3 weeks (during warm weather – the cooler the temps, the longer rooting will take) the pot will be filled with roots and you can safely remove the new plant from the mother plant by clipping the stem. I have not had good lucking clipping the stem and then trying to root it, so leave it attached to the mother plant until it is well rooted (I watch for roots coming out the bottom of the pot).

I have had a couple of people report that the plants don't close their leaves up when touched after they receive them. I can only attribute this to the heat and stress (after all, it was being 'touched' during its whole trip to you) it was under during shipping and ask that you give the plant some time to adjust and put out some new growth.