## **Pollinator Brassica**



#### **Ground Prep**

Seed Rate: 8-12 lbs/acre A clean, finely tilled seed bed is best. Clear area of weeds and loosen the top inch of soil with a disk. Level with a ring roller or cultipacker.

Note: prep steps may not be necessary in almonds.

#### Planting Method



Use a grain drill, no till drill, broadcaster, or even a hand-held broadcaster on small areas to evenly distribute the seed.

If using a broadcaster it is vital to incorporate the seed. Dragging a piece of chain link fence behind the seeder has worked well.

#### **Plant**

Recommended planting window: **Sept. 10th through Nov. 15th**, while soil is still warm – above 55° F.

Sow before first rains. Plant no more than 1/8" to 1/4" deep. If irrigating, keep moist for the first 2 weeks. Thereafter, if leaves curl, may require more water. Plant in fallow areas, orchard drive rows, field edges, or bare crop land during the winter season.

# Emergence/Visible





#### **Bloom**

January-May Bloom time varies by planting time.



#### Management

Mow, disk or crimp in April to prevent reseeding and allow for biomass decomposition before harvest.

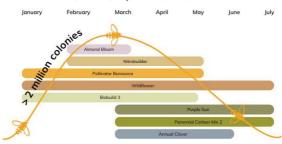
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#### **About This Mix**

This mix is a good for those new to cover cropping. Its uniform, small seeds make it an easy mix to plant with almost any method. Brassicas are drought hardy and generally grow almost anywhere in the Central Valley.

The large taproots in this mix are great for breaking up soil compaction. It's large, dense growing habit helps suppress weeds but can make this mix difficult to mow in some years. When terminated, this mix releases a compound which is toxic to nematodes.

#### PAm Cover Crop Mixes Bloom Duration



#### Seed Mix Contents by Weight

20% Canola, Brassica napus

20% White Mustard, Sinapis alba or Brassica hirtum

20% 'Yellow Mustard, Brassica juncea

25% Diakon Radish, Raphanus sativus

15% Common Yellow Mustard or Brassica hirtum

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