

- *I can see where this one is coming from. I do like to use slightly older pollen that is dry and not mushy and that often takes a couple of days. The stigma does mature later, usually 4-6 days after the flower opens. You should see the stigma separate slightly and look “moist” if it is receptive. The pollen will stick and be visible on the stigma. If the pollen doesn’t stick, you are probably too early or that stigma (seed parent) isn’t going to work. Putting the plant under a dome is a very good idea. The high humidity is often very helpful in getting the pollen to grow and get successful seed set.*
- *Don’t know that this works or not. Couldn’t hurt, but it does seem to be an extra step you might not need. I do suggest pollinating several blooms at the same time. Multiple seed pods help each other stay on long enough to mature.*
- *I’m not sure about winter crosses (doesn’t Australia have reversed seasons to us so which “winter” does he mean? [Australian winter – Ed.]) but humidity definitely plays in the ability to make a cross. When I lived in Oklahoma, I often pollinated on rainy days to take advantage of the higher humidity. If you dome or bag your plant you should be successful in any season that you get flowers.*
- *Yes, humidity is definitely an important factor in getting seed set.*
- *Yes, see my earlier comment about pollinating several flowers if possible at the same time.*