



Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy

Papaver rupifragum 'Double Tangerine Gem'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A lovely variety with bright tangerine orange. double blooms rising above silver-blue ferny foliage; decorative nodding seedheads on stems after blooming; a charming addition to gardens, borders or containers; remove seedheads to control self seeding

Ornamental Features

Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy features bold orange round flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose ferny leaves remain silvery blue in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy flowers
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Planting & Growing

Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Double Tangerine Gem Spanish Poppy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.