Chocolate Flower

Berlandiera lyrata



Chocolate Flower flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Lyreleaf Green Eyes

Description:

This selection produces fragrant yellow daisy like flowers all summer on plants that can thrive in tough garden conditions; blooms have a chocolate scent; cold hardy and drought resistant

Ornamental Features

Chocolate Flower features dainty fragrant yellow daisy flowers with red overtones, burgundy eyes and green bracts rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant lobed leaves remain green in color with curious silver undersides throughout the season.



Chocolate Flower in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Chocolate Flower is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Chocolate Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Chocolate Flower will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America..