Garvinea® Sweet Surprise Gerbera

Gerbera 'Garvinea Sweet Surprise'



Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Group/Class: Garvinea Series

Description:

This robust series features lush plants producing bright pink blooms that will flower right until fall; great performance in garden beds, patio containers and as fresh cut flower bouquets; deadhead to encourage new growth

Ornamental Features

Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera features bold semi-double pink daisy flowers with brown eyes and white anthers at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy lobed leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Garvinea Sweet Surprise Gerbera is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.