Bodegold Chamomile

Matricaria recutita 'Bodegold'



Bodegold Chamomile
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

An improved, high yielding selection of chamomile with larger flowers, a more uniform habit, and higher essential oil content; white petaled flowers have a delicious, sweet aroma; commonly used as a calming herbal tea

Edible Qualities

Bodegold Chamomile is a perennial herb that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces white flowers which are harvested from mid spring to mid summer. The flowers have an earthy taste.

The flowers are most often used in the following ways:

- Tea

Features & Attributes

Bodegold Chamomile features dainty fragrant white daisy flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its deeply cut ferny leaves remain light green in color throughout the season.

This is an herbaceous perennial herb with a mounded form. 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting 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

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Bodegold Chamomile is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens

Planting & Growing

Bodegold Chamomile will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated herb garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.