Taka Tuka® Yellow Red Star

Bidens ferulifolia 'Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star'



Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Beggarticks

Description:

This stunning selection showcases yellow flowers with red markings forming a lovely star pattern; a well branched variety that is ideal for flower beds, large containers and hanging baskets; attracts pollinators; long blooming season

Ornamental Features

Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers with a red flare at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tiny ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star is an herbaceous annual 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Taka Tuka Yellow Red Star 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 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.