Hopi Black Dye Sunflower

Helianthus annuus 'Hopi Black Dye'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful, black seeded variety used for making natural dye; medium to large flower heads of bright golden yellow stand tall on stalks that reach upwards of 8ft. tall; seeds are edible and delicious when roasted and salted



Hopi Black Dye Sunflower in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Hopi Black Dye Sunflower has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers with dark brown eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.



Hopi Black Dye Sunflower flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Hopi Black Dye Sunflower is an herbaceous annual 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hopi Black Dye Sunflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hopi Black Dye Sunflower will grow to be about 8 feet 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 18 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. 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 selection of a native North American species.

Hopi Black Dye Sunflower 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.