# Cedros Island Crownbeard

***Verbesina hastata***



*Cedros Island Crownbeard flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Baja Crownbeard, Ironweed

**Description:**

This variety is a vigorous grower producing volumes of bright, golden yellow flowers on panicles rising above the foliage; impressive when massed; leathery leaves are dark green lance shaped and toothed; thrives in dry conditions



*Cedros Island Crownbeard in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Cedros Island Crownbeard has masses of beautiful panicles of yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes rising above the foliage from late winter to early spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its serrated pointy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Cedros Island Crownbeard is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Cedros Island Crownbeard is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Cedros Island Crownbeard will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 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 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America..

Cedros Island Crownbeard 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.