Big Magenta African Daisy

Arctotis acaulis 'Big Magenta'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An eye catching groundcover perennial that produces stunning, large magenta daisy blooms from winter into summer; tolerates freezing temperatures only briefly; deadhead regularly to promote new blooms; tolerates light shade only

Ornamental Features

Big Magenta African Daisy features showy hot pink daisy flowers with black eyes and a orange ring at the ends of the stems from late winter to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tomentose pointy leaves emerge grayish green in spring, turning gray in color with hints of silver the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Big Magenta African Daisy is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Big Magenta African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Big Magenta African Daisy flowers
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Big Magenta African Daisy in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Big Magenta African Daisy will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Big Magenta African Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.