Mount Atlas Daisy

Anacyclus pyrethrum



Mount Atlas Daisy flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Spanish Chamomile, Pellitory, Akarkara

Description:

A charming alpine plant of European origin, featuring fine ferny leaves and interesting daisy flowers with red petal reverses in summer; flowers close when cloudy or at night; intolerant of wet conditions, especially in winter

Ornamental Features

Mount Atlas Daisy features showy white daisy flowers with gold eyes and a crimson reverse at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. Its attractive tiny ferny leaves emerge light green in spring, turning dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Mount Atlas Daisy is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mount Atlas Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Mount Atlas Daisy will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Mount Atlas Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger 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.