Purple Mountain® Sun Daisy

Osteospermum barberiae 'P005S'



Purple Mountain Sun Daisy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: African Daisy, O. barberiae var. compactum

Description:

This dazzling, compact selection features bright purple daisies that bloom from mid-spring into summer, against a backdrop of deep green foliage; dead heading increases bloom time; prefers drier conditions; ideal for beds and containers

Ornamental Features

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy is covered in stunning purple daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy is an herbaceous perennial 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy 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.