Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco

Nicotiana 'Starlight Dancer'



Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco flowers
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Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

Quick to flower and blooming all season, this upright variety features nodding star-shaped, ivory blooms on tall, sturdy stems; attracts pollinators and hummingbirds, great for containers, beds and borders; deadhead regularly to encourage more blooms

Ornamental Features

Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco features showy fragrant nodding creamy white star-shaped flowers with light green overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco is a dense herbaceous perennial 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 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, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Starlight Dancer Flowering Tobacco 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.