Bright Lights™ Horizon™ Sunset African Daisy

Osteospermum 'Bright Lights Horizon Sunset'



Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African Daisy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Group/Class: Bright Lights Series

Description:

A stunning selection presenting large, salmon-orange blooms with lavender blue centers; nicely mounded habit supports flowers for an excellent display; long blooming and heat tolerant; great for hanging baskets, window boxes or landscape applications



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Ornamental Features

Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African Daisy is clothed in stunning salmon daisy flowers with peach overtones, black eyes and lavender centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its spiny narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African 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, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies 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.

Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African Daisy will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.

Bright Lights Horizon Sunset African 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.