Cherry Frost African Daisy

Arctotis 'Cherry Frost'



Cherry Frost African Daisy flowers
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Group/Class: Ravers Series

Description:

An eye catching perennial that produces stunning, orange-red daisy blooms with gold anthers and black eyes, from spring to summer over silvery foliage; tolerates freezing temperatures only briefly; deadhead to promote new blooms

Ornamental Features

Cherry Frost African Daisy features showy scarlet daisy flowers with black eyes and gold anthers at the ends of the stems from early spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tomentose lobed leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Cherry Frost African Daisy is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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.

Cherry Frost African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Cherry Frost African Daisy will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 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 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. 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 rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Cherry Frost African 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.