Gumbleton African Daisy

Arctotis gumbletonii



Gumbleton African Daisy flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An eye catching perennial that produces stunning red-orange daisy blooms with black rings primarily in late winter to spring; briefly tolerates freezing temperatures; deadhead regularly to greatly extend blooming; tolerates light shade only

Ornamental Features

Gumbleton African Daisy features showy semi-double scarlet daisy flowers with gold overtones, black eyes and a black ring at the ends of the stems from late winter to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Gumbleton African Daisy is a dense herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gumbleton African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Gumbleton African Daisy will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Gumbleton African Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.