Sunspot Orange African Daisy

Arctotis 'Archley'



Sunspot Orange African Daisy foliage
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Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Group/Class: Ravers Series

Description:

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

Ornamental Features

Sunspot Orange African Daisy features showy orange daisy flowers with black eyes and red tips at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tomentose oval leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Sunspot Orange African Daisy is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial 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.

Sunspot Orange African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Sunspot Orange African Daisy will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Sunspot Orange 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.