Gold On Blue Zinnia

Zinnia grandiflora 'Gold On Blue'



Gold On Blue Zinnia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A fine selection of an undervalued prairie native made for its showy yellow flowers and dusty bluish-green foliage; good choice for hot, dry sites, tolerant of different soil types; makes a good groundcover on slopes and along driveways

Ornamental Features

Gold On Blue Zinnia is bathed in stunning yellow buttercup flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late summer. Its attractive tiny needle-like leaves emerge grayish green in spring, turning bluish-green in color throughout the season.



Gold On Blue Zinnia in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Gold On Blue Zinnia is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold On Blue Zinnia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Gold On Blue Zinnia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. 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 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Gold On Blue Zinnia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.