Zydeco™ Cherry Zinnia

Zinnia 'Zydeco Cherry'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Zydeco Series

Description:

This vigorous, well branched variety features long lived, fully double flowers of cherry red; heat and drought tolerant, with excellent disease resistance; creates a lasting impact in beds or along borders; an excellent cut flower



Zydeco Cherry Zinnia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Zydeco Cherry Zinnia features bold fully double cherry red ball-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Zydeco Cherry Zinnia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Zydeco Cherry Zinnia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Zydeco Cherry Zinnia in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Zydeco Cherry Zinnia will grow to be about 16 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 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active 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.

Zydeco Cherry Zinnia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.