San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster

Heterotheca sessiliflora 'San Bruno Mountain'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Goldenaster, ssp. bolanderi

Description:

A wonderful long blooming addition to garden beds, borders or patio containers; yellow daisy-like flowers appear above mounded and spreading olive green foliage in spring and summer; a drought tolerant variety requiring little to no maintenance

Ornamental Features

San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tomentose narrow leaves remain olive green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster is recommended for the following landscape applications;



San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster flowers
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San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 4 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

San Bruno Mountain Golden Aster 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 against which the 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.