Red Torch African Daisy

Arctotis 'Red Torch'



Red Torch African Daisy flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Aurora Daisy

Description:

An eye catching groundcover perennial that produces stunning red daisy blooms in the fall right through to spring; tolerates freezing temperatures only briefly; deadhead regularly to promote new blooms; tolerates light shade only

Ornamental Features

Red Torch African Daisy features showy red daisy flowers with black centers at the ends of the stems from mid fall to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Red Torch African Daisy is a dense herbaceous 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.

Red Torch African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Red Torch African Daisy will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 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 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 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.