

Plant Facts

Copper Canyon Daisy *Tagetes lemmonii*

Other Common Names: Lemmon's Marigold, Bush Marigold



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General Information

A member of the Aster family, the Copper Canyon Daisy reaches 4 feet at maturity – can reach 6 feet tall under good growing conditions. A native of the southwestern United States, this sprawling perennial daisy has a distinctive, pungent fragrance that not everyone likes. The Copper Canyon Daisy has golden-yellow blooms that are attractive to butterflies and bees. It is a good plant for areas where deer are known to be a problem — it is deer proof! Copper Canyon Daisy dies back in winter and comes back from roots in spring.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 8
Heat Tolerance: High
Size: 4 ft tall by 4 ft wide
Flowers: Golden yellow about 1 to 2 inches across
Bloom time: Fall through first frost
Leaves: Lacy compound leaves 2 to 6 inches long, with serrated leaflets.

Pests and Disease Problems

Deer proof

COPPER CANYON DAISY or MEXICAN BUSH MARIGOLD

Tagetes lemmonii

Perennial Deciduous Shrub



Pollinator Friendly



Full Sun / Part Shade

3-4' Tall x 3-6' Wide

Water: Low, drought tolerant

Color: Golden yellow flowers

Blooms: Late summer → mainly fall; Prefers dry conditions

Top growth dies back with first frost but returns from roots in spring

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Plant Care

Easy to grow in North Texas because it tolerates high, sustained summer heat. It prefers full sun but accepts a bit of shade. It is drought tolerant and wants well-drained soil. It will grow successfully in some of the more alkaline soils in North Texas. Be sure to keep the new plant well watered — two times per week — until it is established. After the Copper Canyon Daisy is established, it requires little supplemental water.

Warning

None

Sources for Additional Information

Central Texas Gardener. [Tagetes lemmonii](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [Tagetes lemmonii](#)

Texas SmartScape. [Copper Canyon Daisy](#)