

Copper Canyon Daisy - *Tagetes lemmonii*

Other Common Names: Lemmon's Marigold, Bush Marigold



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COPPER CANYON DAISY or MEXICAN BUSH MARIGOLD

Tagetes lemmonii

Perennial Deciduous Shrub



Pollinator Friendly



Full Sun / Part Shade

Water: Low, drought tolerant

3-4' Tall x 3-6' Wide

Color: Golden yellow flowers

Blooms: Late summer - fall; Prefers dry conditions

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

Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener

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. Copper Canyon Daisy dies back in winter and comes back from roots in spring.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 8

Size: 4 ft X 4 ft w/h

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

Growth Habit/Shape: Herb

Soil requirements: Highly adapted, well-drained

Propagation: Stem cutting, division, seeds

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor

Pests and Disease Problems

None

Plant Care

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. Water two times per week until established. After the Copper Canyon Daisy is established, it requires little supplemental water.

Notes

Deer proof so good to have if they are a problem.

Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=TALE

Texas SmartScape™

<https://www.txsmartscape.com/plant-search/copper-canyon-daisy>