

## Copper Canyon Daisy *Tagetes lemmonii*

**Other Common Names:** Lemmon's Marigold, Bush Marigold

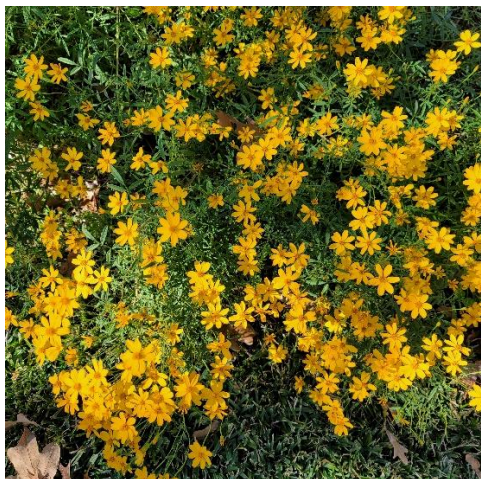


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### COPPER CANYON DAISY or MEXICAN BUSH MARIGOLD

*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 → mainly 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. 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

## 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](#)