

## Mexican Mint Marigold *Tagetes lucida*

Other Common Names: Mexican tarragon, Spanish tarragon, Texas tarragon



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### MEXICAN MINT MARIGOLD or MEXICAN TARRAGON

*Tagetes lucida*

Perennial Herb  Pollinator Friendly



**Sun/Part Sun**

**Water:** Low, drought tolerant

1-2' Tall x 1.5' Wide

**Color:** Yellow

**Blooms:** Summer-fall

Anise or licorice-flavored leaves spring to frost;  
 spreads freely but pulls out easily

**Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener**

### General Information

This compact perennial looks similar to marigolds but is often listed as a substitute for French tarragon. It is easy and provides great fall-colored yellow flowers. The leaves have a fragrance similar to anise or licorice. This native to Mexico and Southwest U.S. is drought and heat tolerant. Blooming in summer to late fall, it is excellent for attracting migrating butterflies.

### Characteristics

**Hardiness Zones:** 7-10

**Heat Tolerance:** High heat tolerance

**Size:** 1 - 2 feet tall by 18 inches wide

**Flowers:** Profuse spikes of yellow blooms

**Bloom time:** May to September, heavy through early summer and sporadically through fall

**Leaves:** Palmate, compound leaves with 5 to 7 leaflets; spicy fragrance when crushed

### Pests and Disease Problems

None.

### Plant Care

Plant this compact perennial in full sun. This plant tolerates poor soils, but it must be well drained. Mexican Mint marigold needs regular water to establish and then deep watering weekly to keep it at its best. Divide plants by digging the clumps every two to three years. This plant spreads freely.

### Warning

N/A

### Sources for Additional Information

TAMU Aggie Horticulture. [Mexican Mint Marigold](#)  
 Texas SmartScape. [Mexican Mint Marigold](#)