

Botanical Name:                     *Calendula officinalis*                    

Common Name:                     *Calendula, Pot marigold*                    

Type of Plant:                     dicot: annual                     Character                     winter annual                    

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape                     upright multi-branched plant forming a clump; foliage is  
                    sticky and aromatic; provides long-lasting blooms                    

Height   12" - 18"                     Spread           to 18"                     Growth Rate           rapid                    

Environment:

Exposure outdoors                               prefers full sun; reduces chances of powdery mildew                    

Soil              prefers a well drained, fertile soil                    

Hardiness              hardy, all zones                    

Morphology:

Leaves              simple, oblong to obovate, somewhat toothed surface  
             glandular or rough; somewhat sticky, 2 - 4" long                    

Flowers              head; yellow or orange, 1 or 2 rows of ray flowers, 2 - 3"  
             across; solitary, held well above foliage                    

Fruit              curved achenes                    

Propagation:              seed                    

Usage:              good as a border plant, in mass plantings, containers and  
             raised beds; good source of yellow and orange color during the cool season                    

Landscape Care:

Watering              tolerates heavy or light watering; try to keep water off  
             of foliage                    

Fertilizing              balanced, slow-release when planting, low N monthly                    

Pruning              pinch frequently to encourage branching; dead head to  
             prolong blooming season                    

Pests/Diseases              powdery mildew where drainage is poor, or watering is too  
             heavy, or in overly shaded beds                    

Special Conditions   

Origin:           throughout Europe                     Family:                     Asteraceae