

Botanical Name: Gazania hybrids

Common Name: Gazania

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape prostrate, spreading or clumping plants prized for brightly colored daisy flowers; widely variable from tight clumps to rapidly trailing forms; all are hybrids derived from distinct clumping and trailing species

Height 6-12" Spread 2-10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred; blooms less in partial shade

Soil prefers well draining soils, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24); best in warm, sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, narrowly obovate-oblong, silver-gray-green, 1-2" long (3"); some varieties spatulate and slightly lobed

Flowers yellow, orange, red, purple, or bronze colored head; solitary on 2-6" stalks; newer varieties have larger flowers, longer blooming season

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: division, softwood cuttings, seed

Usage: fast growing ground cover for open, sunny locations--
excellent for colorful display on slopes; short lived if heavily watered,
excellent seacoast plant; not suitable for erosion control on steep slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers occasional deep soak; heavy watering shortens life

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back close to ground (3-6") if too leggy

Pests/Diseases root rot when heavily watered, snails, slugs, fungus wilt

Special Conditions limited watering prolongs life of Gazanias

Origin: South Africa Family: Compositae