

Botanical Name: Chrysanthemum maximum (Leucanthemum maximum)

Common Name: Shasta daisy

Type of Plant: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, spreading plant with coarse leathery foliage and large daisy-like flowers

Height 2' - 4' Spread 2' - 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade in hot, inland valleys

Soil prefers a light, fast-draining soil

Hardiness hardy: all zones

Morphology:

Leaves spatulate to lanceolate, to 1' long, with long winged petiole on lower leaves, becoming sessile in upper leaves

Flowers head, about 2" - 4" across, white ray flowers, yellow disk flowers

Fruit head of small woody capsules

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: excellent cut flowers, good in borders, perennial beds, cottage gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering, especially during bloom

Fertilizing balanced, liquid fertilizer, once in spring and once in summer

Pruning cut old flowers to prolong bloom

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs, root gall, nematodes, aphids

Special Conditions divide clumps every 2 to 3 years

Origin: Pyrenees Mtns., Spain Family: Compositae