

Botanical Name: Dietes bicolor

Common Name: Yellow fortnight lily

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape distinctive clump of stiff, narrow, grasslike leaves  
arising from a common base, forms a vase-shaped to rounded shape

Height 3-4' Spread 4-6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24); best in mild climates

Morphology:

Leaves grasslike, 2-4' long, 3/4" wide, medium green, long,  
narrow pointed tips, forming fan-like clusters

Flowers pale yellow with maroon blotches, 1-1/2" to 2" wide, iris-  
shaped, 3-4' tall narrow stalks, spring--intermittent

Fruit none - this species does not produce fruit

Propagation: division of clump, remove plantlets from flower stalks

Usage: excellent accent shrub-form, narrow foliage, yellow  
flowers--filler in clumps, scattered groupings

Landscape Care:

Watering regular

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning remove old leaves, cut back old flower stalks-DO NOT SHEAR

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, bacterial leaf spor

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Iridaceae