

Botanical Name: Arctotheca calendula

Common Name: Capeweed

Type of Plant: dicot: groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape prostrate to slightly mounding, herbaceous groundcover;
spreads by runners, forms a rosette pattern of fleshy leaves from a common
base

Height 6-12" Spread indefinite Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,21-24); leaves may die back in hard frosts

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate (deeply lobed) to nearly pinnatifid, whorled,
5-10" long grayish/green, somewhat succulent

Flowers yellow daisy-like heads, solitary on 6-12" stalks, both
disc and ray flowers yellow--spring, intermittent year round

Fruit achene

Propagation: division

Usage: excellent ground cover for sunny, dry areas--best in larger
scale landscapes, slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred, becomes drought tolerant but can
tolerate heavy watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring if heavily watered

Pruning can become invasive, occasionally dig out new runners

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs

Special Conditions best if viewed from a distance

Origin: South Africa Family: Asteraceae