

Botanical Name: Osteospermum fruticosum

Common Name: Trailing African daisy

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sprawling, trailing, slightly mounding, forms a large,  
mostly prostrate shape by rooting along stem

Height 6-12" Spread 1-4' (8') Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most, avoid poorly drained clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24); thrives in warm, sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, obovate-somewhat rhombic/oval, 2-4"  
long, dull green, somewhat toothed margins

Flowers head, with white or purple ray flowers, deep purple disc  
flowers 2-3" across, year round

Fruit achene

Propagation: softwood/semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent in large scale ground cover for sunny locations,  
slopes, raised planters, short lived in heavy soils

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate, can tolerate some drought, avoid excessive  
moisture

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning head back to keep in bounds, mow close to ground if leggy

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Asteraceae