

Botanical Name: Callistephus chinensis

Common Name: China aster

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character spring annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright multi-branched plant with coarse foliage and large, colorful, daisy-like flowers

Height 1 ft. - 3 ft. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun

Soil prefers a well drained soil

Hardiness tender to frost used as a spring annual

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, to 3-1/2" long, deeply or irregularly toothed, leaves near to flowers are spatulate

Flowers head; showy, to 5" across in summer; colors vary from red to yellow, orange, white, etc.

Fruit small achene

Propagation: seed

Usage: for cut flowers, medium height bedding plant; good in mass plantings, large beds, large scale containers

Landscape Care:

Watering keep slightly dry, especially in heavy soils

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release when planting, low N monthly

Pruning remove dead flowers

Pests/Diseases aster yellows (virus) aster wilt (fungus), leaf hoppers

Special Conditions don't plant two years in succession

Origin: China Family: Asteraceae