

Botanical Name: Thunbergia alata

Common Name: Black eyed Susan vine

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape twining, twisting vine with climbing branches; grown as
a short-lived perennial or as an annual

Height to 6' Spread to 6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil ordinary garden soil

Hardiness tender (zones 17, 23, 24) as perennial; all zones as annual

Morphology:

Leaves triangular to 3" long, coarsely toothed, both surfaces
rough, slender winged petioles - 2" long

Flowers to 1/2" across, orange yellow tubular flower with purple
center

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: grown as an annual vine on a trellis or arbor - sometimes
used as a hanging basket

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting

Pruning pinch back occasionally to encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Tropical Africa Family: Acanthaceae