

Botanical Name: Arctotis hybridus 'Burgundy'

Common Name: African Daisy

Type of Plant: dicot:perennial Character semi-deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright plant with gray, hairy foliage; flowers in spring and summer; inflorescence has a ring of contrasting color at base of ray flowers; gives strong contrast to disk flowers at center

Height to 18" Spread to 18" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a light, well-drained soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 14 to 24)

Morphology:

Leaves spatulate from basal clumps gray-green and pubescent on upper and lower surfaces; margins sinuate to lobed, undersides silvery gray

Flowers heads, purple, to 3" across, with contrasting light band at base of ray flowers -- spring through summer

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: spreading plant for flowers in warm areas, thrives in heat and reflected light too strong for other annuals; mix into perennial beds or flower borders; looks good in both rustic and refined gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering average water, tolerates more drought than most annuals

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning pinch off dead blooms to prolong season

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions propagate asexually to maintain varietal color

Origin: Africa Family: Asteraceae