

Botanical Name: Chrysanthemum hosmariense (Rhodanthemum hosmariense)

Common Name: Moroccan daisy

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, sprawling perennial with silvery, fine textured foliage and a profusion of white daisy flowers through the winter months

Height to 8 in. Spread up to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil good drainage is essential

Hardiness hardy; Zones 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves lower leaves trifoliate to pinnatifid; to 2-1/2" long; outer leaves linear, to 2" long; all leaves coated with fine, silvery hairs

Flowers white daisy flowers with yellow centers, to 1-1/2 in. across
blooming most heavily in winter; but season lasts well into summer

Fruit tiny achenes; fairly heavy seed producer

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings; plant reseeds readily

Usage: low facer plant appreciated for fine silvery foliage and a long lasting bearer of white daisy flowers; mixes well with Mediterranean planting palette

Landscape Care:

Watering drought tolerant once established; tolerates occasional watering

Fertilizing none required

Pruning benefits from regular heading back to promote more flowers

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other blooms over a long season

Origin: Morocco and northern Africa