

Botanical Name: Tagetes lemmonii

Common Name: Mexican marigold; Mountain marigold

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Upright, sprawling woody perennial with dark green fine textured foliage, resembling annual marigold; plant is large and rangy when mature

Height 3 to 5 ft. Spread to 10 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a sandy soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 20-24)

Morphology:

Leaves aromatic pinnately compound leaves with narrow dark green leaflets; to 1" long, less than 1/8" across; oppositely arranged

Flowers bright yellow aster-like flowers to 1-1/4" across; single petals to 1/2" long; flowers primarily in cool season, fall through spring

Fruit papery capsule with long narrow seeds

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: very drought tolerant plant for rustic landscapes and large scale borders; a low-maintenance plant with heavy winter flowering; can be used as a background plant or flowering accent

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established; takes occasional deep soakings, but does not respond to frequent irrigation

Fertilizing slow-release in spring

Pruning heavy pruning in mid-spring after blooming is completed

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Arizona and Mexico