

CAPPUCCINO RUDBECKIA

Rudbeckia hirta “Cappuccino”



Characteristics

- Type: Perennial
- Zone: 3 to 9
- Height: 18 – 20 Inches
- Spread: 14-16 Inches
- Bloom Time: Spring to Early Fall
- Bloom Size: 4 Inches
- Bloom Color: Brown, Gold, Orange
- Sun: Full sun, part shade
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy
- Attracts: Bees, Butterflies

Culture

Rudbeckia hirta is sometimes called Black-eyed Susan or Gloriosa Daisy. Cappuccino Rudbeckia is Gloriosa Daisy hybrids that is a short-lived perennial, sometimes treated as annuals. Often these will survive a few winters, or at least self-seed. This vigorous and well-branched strain produces large flowers in shades of orange, gold and mahogany. An outstanding cut flower. Removing faded blossoms regularly will greatly increase the flowering time. Seed heads have good winter interest, and can be used in dried arrangements. Fairly drought tolerant, once established. Wonderful in mixed containers.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Rudbeckia hirta are wonderful, free flowering daisies in colors from yellow through bronze and mahogany. You can have them for years, but the original plants will only last a few seasons. But, the plants self-seed readily and if you learn to recognize the slightly hairy seedlings and allow a few to develop where you want them; you can have as many as you want for many years. *Rudbeckia hirta*, commonly called black-eyed Susan, is a common Texas native wildflower which typically occurs in open woods, prairies, fields, roadsides and waste areas throughout the State. Easy to grow and a national favorite, Black Eyed Susan are one of the staple wildflowers in North America, and this stunning cultivar features a bold and unique coloring earning it a very appropriate name!

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems. Susceptible to powdery mildew. Watch for slugs and snails on young plants. Can self-seed freely. Deer tend to avoid this plant.

Garden Uses

Borders. Annual beds. Cottage gardens. Wild gardens. Meadows. Groups or mass plantings. Good cut flower.