Tagetes erecta

(Mexican marigold)

African marigold is a bushy annual with large yellow or orange flower head. It grows best in the sun and can take some heat and periods of drought. These common bedding plants look great in beds and containers. They use this plants inter cropping with vegetables or fruit trees as the marigold roots emit a substance that deters root-damaging nematodes.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Rose d'Inde Arabic Name: مخملية قائمة

Pronounciation: TAG-e-teez ee-RECK-tuh

Plant Type: Herbaceous

Origin: Mexico, Central America

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones:

Uses: Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements,

Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast **Tree Shape:** Upright

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm Time to Ultimate Height: 1 Year

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistance: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compund

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Lanceolate
Leaf Margins: Serrate
Leaf Textures: Medium
Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 3 - 7 Flower Type: Capitulum

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange Seasons: Spring, Summer

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand **Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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