

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

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

Plant Type: Groundcover

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 Persistence: Deciduous
Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Lanceolate
Leaf Margins: Serrate
Leaf Textures: Medium
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
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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