Osteospermum ecklonis
(African Daisy, Cape Daisy)

African daisy is a perennial ground cover but in cold areas it acts as an annual. It blooms ass season producing many different daily like flowers (blue, violet, purple, white). It is a drought and heat tolerant plant but it prefers cool regions.

Landscape Information

French Name: Marguerite du Cap. Marguerite africaine
Pronunciation: oss-tee-oh-SPUR-mum ek-LON-iss)
Plant Type: Groundcover
Origin: South Africa
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12
Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Intensive Green Roof, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape:
Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m
Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm
Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years
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#### Botanical Description

##### Foliage
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate
- **Leaf Venation:** Pinnate
- **Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen
- **Leaf Type:** Simple
- **Leaf Blade:** Less than 5
- **Leaf Shape:** Oblanceolate
- **Leaf Margins:** Dentate
- **Leaf Textures:** Medium
- **Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance
- **Color (growing season):** Green
- **Color (changing season):** Green

##### Flower
- **Flower Showiness:** True
- **Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7
- **Flower Type:** Solitary
- **Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)
- **Flower Scent:** No Fragrance
- **Flower Color:** Purple, Blue, White, Pink
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Fall

##### Fruit
- **Fruit Type:** Capsule
- **Fruit Showiness:** False
- **Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Fruit Colors:** Brown
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Fall
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## Horticulture Management

### Tolerance
- **Frost Tolerant:** No
- **Heat Tolerant:** Yes
- **Drought Tolerant:** Yes
- **Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

### Requirements
- **Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand
- **Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline
- **Water Requirements:** Moderate
- **Light Requirements:** Full, Part

### Management
- **Toxity:** No
- **Invasive Potential:** No
- **Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No
- **Surface Rooting:** No
- **Diseases:** Powdery Mildew
- **Edible Parts:** None
- **Pests:** Aphids
- **Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Division