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Black-eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia hirta*

This, the best known of all wildflowers, is also the easiest to grow. A single plant can produce an extravagant floral display over much of the summer and planted in masses it is simply stunning! A self-seeding biennial, it is not picky about soil conditions and will grow just about anywhere. A green thumb is not a prerequisite for success with this popular plant!

SEED GERMINATION INFO

No pre-treatment necessary other than cold, dry storage. Seed will germinate upon sowing in a warm location.

Approx. 92,000 seeds per oz. - 130 seeds per pack

Colour : Yellow

Blooms: July to Sept.

Light : Full sun to Part shade

Height : 1' - 3'

Soil : Sand to Clay

Water: Dry to Medium

Attracts Butterflies! Deer Resistant!.

Indoor Germination: Start at least 4 weeks before outdoor night temperatures are reliably in the 10oC (50oF) range. Plant seeds 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) deep in pots. Keep moist but not soggy and very warm (21°C-70°F). When seedlings are 5 cm (2in.) tall, transplant into the garden spaced 30 cm (1ft) apart.

Outdoor Germination: Plant seeds 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) deep in a prepared seedbed in late fall so that the seed overwinters and germinates naturally in spring. Or in spring plant seed 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) deep in a prepared seedbed. Seed will germinate upon sowing in a warm location.