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Choco Sun Sunflower

Helianthus annuus 'Choco Sun'



Choco Sun Sunflower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A wonderful well branched and very compact selection ideal for window boxes, containers or garden beds; presents large, yellow blooms with dark centers on the central stalk, followed by several smaller blooms on side shoots; uniform and early blooming

Ornamental Features

Choco Sun Sunflower features bold semi-double yellow daisy flowers with dark brown eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Choco Sun Sunflower is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and squirrels to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Choco Sun Sunflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Choco Sun Sunflower will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Choco Sun Sunflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.