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Lightning Flash Tickseed

Coreopsis tripteris 'Lightning Flash'



Lightning Flash Tickseed flowers
Photo courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 32 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

An upright variety that features interesting golden yellow lance-shaped foliage; tall slender stems show off sunshine yellow daisy-like flowers; blooms from mid summer to early fall; excellent choice for borders, landscapes and patio containers



Lightning Flash Tickseed foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Lightning Flash Tickseed has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers with dark brown eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge gold in spring, turning yellow in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lightning Flash Tickseed is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

Lightning Flash Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lightning Flash Tickseed will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 32 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Lightning Flash Tickseed is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.