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## Pandora Rayflower

***Ligularia dentata 'Pandora'***



*Pandora Rayflower foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

**Description:**

A beautiful dense and compact selection of deep purple glossy foliage, perfect for adding texture and color to borders, beds and containers; large, golden-orange daisy-like flowers rise above foliage during the summer months; excellent cut flower quality

**Ornamental Features**

Pandora Rayflower features bold orange daisy flowers with gold overtones at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. Its attractive large serrated round leaves remain deep purple in color with hints of olive green throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Pandora Rayflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pandora Rayflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

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**Planting & Growing**

Pandora Rayflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Pandora Rayflower 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 and foliage 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.



