Gallo™ Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower

Gaillardia aristata 'Gallo Dark Bicolor'



Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Blanketflower; Indian Blanket

Group/Class: Gallo Series

Description:

Bright crimson and yellow flowers with burgundy centers contrast beautifully with its fuzzy gray-green leaves; a profuse bloomer that will bloom all summer with deadheading; attracts butterflies, great for cutting, heat tolerant and deer resistant



Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower has masses of beautiful crimson daisy flowers with burgundy eyes and yellow tips at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and 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.

Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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. 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.

Gallo Dark Bicolor Blanket Flower 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 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.