

Calendula - Plant



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Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Pot Marigold, English Marigold, Poet s Marigold.	Yellow, Orange.	From early summer until frost.	1.5 to 2 feet,	Easy.

Planting and care

Calendula is best planted in prepared garden beds or large containers filled with organic potting soil. Prior to planting in beds, work a shovelful or two of well-aged manure or compost into the ground to improve soil conditions.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	Loamy soil, Sandy soil	Medium	20 to 30 degrees C	Use any organic fertilizer

Caring for Calendula

- Select a spot for calendula that receives full sun. Calendulas do not require any special soil.
- Plant calendula seeds in the spring after the last frost in your area.
- Plant seeds about 1/4 to 1/2 inch (.64 to 1.27 cm) deep and 4 to 6 (10.16 to 15.24 cm) apart.

- Water the seedbed immediately after planting being careful not to wash the seeds out of their spots.
- Water the plants as needed to keep the soil moist, but be careful not to overwater.
- The soil should not be soaking wet.
- When the calendula seedlings are about 3 inches (7.62 cm) high, thin them so that the remaining plants are 8 to 12 inches (20.32 to 30.48 cm) apart.
- Apply a thin layer of compost to the calendula plants in midsummer.

Typical uses of Calendula

Special features:

Culinary use: Calendula's edible flowers and spicy leaves add zest to summer salads and will draw plenty of oohs and ahhs when presented in a meal.

References

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