

Cnicus benedictus - Plant



Cnicus benedictus is a ANNUAL growing to 0.6 m (2ft).

Rating: Not Rated Yet

Price

Sales price R 123,456

Discount

[Ask a question about this product](#)

Description

Description for Cnicus benedictus

Cnicus benedictus, is a thistle-like plant in the family Asteraceae, native to the Mediterranean region, from Portugal north to southern France and east to Iran.

It is hardy to zone (UK) 8. It is in flower from May to September, and the seeds ripen from Jul to October. The flowers are hermaphrodite (have both male and female organs) and are pollinated by Insects. Suitable for: light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils and prefers well-drained soil. Suitable pH: acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It cannot grow in the shade. It prefers dry or moist soil.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Blessed Thistle, Cnicus microcephalus, Cnicus pseudo-benedictus, Epitrachys microcephala	red-yellowish	July to August	3.00 to 5.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

Plant where they will receive a minimum of 5 to 6 hours of full sun per day. Plants grown in weak sun may not die at once, but they weaken gradually. Give them plenty of organic matter when planting and dont crowd them. Wear sturdy gloves to protect your hands from prickly thorns.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	well-drained soil	Medium	70F	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Cnicus benedictus

plant care is not difficult but does require vigilance. The vines need to be trained early when they are young. You may use plant ties or just weave them through trellis sections. Fertilize the plant in spring just before new growth appears. Pinch off the tips of the vines in the second year to promote branching which will fill the trellis with bushy growth.

Typical uses of Cnicus benedictus

Special features: Milk thistle has very attractive white-veined dark green leaves and purple flowers, but its biennial growth pattern and inclination to spread aggressively make it difficult for placement in gardens. Collection and disposal of spiny stems and leaves from plants that have died can be time-consuming.

Culinary use: na

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: na

References

- <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>
- <http://www.flowersofindia.net/>

Reviews

There are yet no reviews for this product.