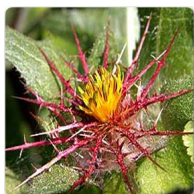


Cnicus benedictus - Plant



Blessed Thistle

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Bloom time: July to August

Height: 3.00 to 5.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & 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 don't crowd them. Wear sturdy gloves to protect your hands from prickly thorns.

Sunlight: Full sun

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 70F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- 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.
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Special Feature:

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.

Use

Ornamental use:

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Note:

No serious insect or disease problems. Watch for slugs and snails. Caterpillars may chew on the foliage.

Reference:

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