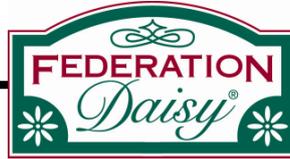


Ramm Botanicals plant information

Argyranthemum 'Federation Daisies'



Summer Stars



Summit White



Sunjay



Sugar Cheer



Supreme White



Surfer Girl



Surf City



Sunday Best



Sunray



Bright Carmine



Summit Pink



Blazer Rose

Argyranthemum frutescens, perhaps better known as marguerite daisies, are native to the Canary Islands, however, it took Mal Morgan and The University of Sydney Plant Breeding Institute to breed great manners into this much loved range.

Federation Daisies are a wonderful addition to any garden setting be it in-ground or in a patio pot. They enjoy full sun and well drained soil and reward some simple care with a long flowering season from autumn to spring.

They grow into a compact sub-shrub (typically to around 60cm tall) that is woody at the base but is covered with herbaceous growth that flushes with medium sized, flowers. Whilst they are true perennials, their useful lifespan in the garden is usually 2-3 years. Regular **maintenance** will prolong plant life.

Planting

Plant in full or part sun position with well drained soils. If drainage is poor, such as in most clay soils, break down the clay or build up your garden bed to provide good drainage.

Watering

Federation Daisies aren't particularly thirsty plants but they will benefit from regular watering, particularly whilst establishing and when the flower buds are forming. The plants will be able to withstand short periods of dryness once established. Tub plants should be kept evenly moist.

Fertiliser

Feed in autumn and spring with controlled release fertiliser to promote flower formation and good plant health.

Pruning

Federation Daisies were bred to branch naturally from the base and stay nice and compact. They don't need pruning as a rule, perhaps a very light trim to remove spent flowers, if desired. Do not cut into old wood as this could kill the plant.

Pests and Diseases

The plants are seldom attacked by pests, but if aphids appear they can be hosed off the plants with a strong jet of water. Alternatively, apply an appropriate insecticide at the rate recommended by the manufacturer.

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