# Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

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## **Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy**



# Western Star™ Scorpio Shasta Daisy Leucanthemum x superbum 'Scorpio'

Height: 18 inches
Spread: 18 inches
Spacing: 16 inches
Sunlight: O O

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Western Star Series

#### **Description:**

An exceptional series noted for superior habits and flowering; buds open yellow, then mature to long lasting white flowers on a compact plant; a beautiful addition to gardens and borders when massed; blooms throughout the summer



Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy has masses of beautiful white daisy flowers with buttery yellow overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive yellow flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated narrow leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Western Star Scorpio Shasta Daisy 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 larger 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.