



Royal Wedding Poppy
Papaver orientale 'Royal Wedding'

Height: 30 inches
Spread: 24 inches
Spacing: 18 inches
Sunlight: ○ ●
Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Oriental Poppy

Ornamental Features

Royal Wedding Poppy features bold white round flowers with burgundy eyes and black centers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its deeply cut ferny leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Royal Wedding Poppy is an open herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Royal Wedding Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Royal Wedding Poppy will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.



Royal Wedding Poppy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder





This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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