# **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red**

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Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red Helianthus 'Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red'

Height: 24 inches Spread: 10 inches Spacing: 10 inches Sunlight: O Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### **Description:**

This cute and compact variety features gold and burgundy bicolored blooms, rising above deep green foliage; low maintenance and heat tolerant; excellent for small sunny gardens and patio containers; pollen-free; lovely addition to fresh arrangements

#### **Ornamental Features**

Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red features bold gold daisy flowers with burgundy overtones and black eyes held atop the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red is an herbaceous annual 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.



Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.

Suntastic Bicolor Yellow and Red is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.