## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia

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# Starsister® Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia

Dahlia 'Starsister Scarlet and Yellow'

Height: 10 inches Spread: 16 inches Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Starsister Series

#### **Description:**

A beautiful series that features stunning scarlet red blooms with yellow center petals over lush green foliage; a heat tolerant and compact mounded selection, perfect for landscapes and containers; excellent choice for fresh cut flower arrangements



Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia features showy scarlet daisy flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which emerge from distinctive yellow flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. 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 bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Starsister Scarlet and Yellow Dahlia 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 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.