## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Tweety Bidens**

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# Tweety Bidens Bidens 'Tweety'

Height: 14 inches Spread: 30 inches Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Other Names: Beggarticks

#### **Description:**

A vigorous mounded variety with trailing tendencies, perfect for patio containers, hanging baskets or garden landscapes; bright, canary-yellow, semi-double flowers cascade from green ferny foliage; deadhead to encourage new blooms



Tweety Bidens flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Tweety Bidens has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tiny deeply cut ferny leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Tweety Bidens is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tweety Bidens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Tweety Bidens will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Tweety Bidens 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.