



**Damianita**  
*Chrysactinia mexicana*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Calanca, False Damiana

**Description:**

A small evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves, that is extremely heat and drought tolerant; covered with a profusion of golden yellow blooms from mid-spring to late summer; very showy in mass plantings, and good for erosion control on slopes

**Ornamental Features**

Damianita features showy clusters of lightly-scented yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The small fragrant needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Damianita is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Damianita is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Damianita flowers*  
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*Damianita in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Damianita 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 tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America..

Damianita makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.