



Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*)

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Easy to grow, old-fashioned annual that is available in many sizes, from dwarf to giant, with single or double bloom flowers. The showy flowers range in colors of white, orange, pink apricot and yellow. *Zinnia elegans* is a member of the sunflower family and is native to Mexico. The newer, award-winning Profusion variety is resistant to powdery mildew and does not require deadheading.

Type	Annual
Hardiness Zone	2 - 11
Sun	Full sun
Bloom Time	July until frost
Height	1' - 2'
Spread	1' - 2'
Tolerance	Easy to grow; drought tolerant
Attracts	Butterflies and hummingbirds
Additional Features	Generally ignored by deer

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: well drained
- Type: not fussy; sand, loam or clay
- Placement considerations: beds, borders, edging, cutting gardens and containers

Planting Recommendations

- Type: seeds
- When to plant: spring
- Depth of planting: sow seeds and cover with 1/4" soil; keep moist until established
- Spacing: 8" - 10"

Maintenance

- Watering: average water needs
- Fertilization: not necessary
- Pinching/deadheading: regular deadheading to produce flowers; exception - the variety Profusion does not need to be deadheaded



- Annual maintenance: remove plants after they die back following the first fall frost

Common Problems

Disease: some varieties are susceptible to powdery mildew, space them for good air circulation

Resources

<https://ipm.missouri.edu/MEG/2017/7/zinnia/>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/zinnia-elegans/>

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a618>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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