

Black-Eyed Susan

Thunbergia alata 'Susie'

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average contents: 22 seeds

Sow: Feb-Apr
Flowers: Jun-Sep
Height: 120cm (4')

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Native to Africa

This attractive annual hails from the tropics of Africa, where it twines and trails in the tropical forest. Its bright, showy flowers in shades of yellow and orange adorn attractive foliage throughout the summer. Ideal for a conservatory, greenhouse or in a container on a sunny patio outside.

How to grow: Sow the seeds into a tray of moist, firm, quality compost. Cover lightly with further compost and place in a polythene bag to conserve moisture. Place in a dark, warm place approx 15-20°C (60-68°F) until germination occurs. At the first sign of germination (10-15 days), remove the bag and reduce the temperature to around 15°C (60°F). Grow on in good light keeping the compost moist. Transplant the seedlings, when large enough to handle, into 9cm (3½") pots of compost and grow on watering as required. In late May-June, plant into larger pots or containers allowing 10-15cm (4-6") between plants. Support the plants with canes, wire or trellis, or alternatively allow to trail from baskets in a sunny position.



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