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Garden Gnome Poppy

Papaver nudicaule 'Garden Gnome'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Icleand Poppy, Arctic Poppy

Description:

This fast growing variety has great flower power, producing volumes of beautiful blooms from orange to scarlet, also yellow and white; colors are available seperately; beautiful massed as a border planting



Garden Gnome Poppy flowers
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Ornamental Features

Garden Gnome Poppy features bold orange round flowers with scarlet overtones and yellow centers at the ends of the stems from early spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tomentose ferny leaves remain chartreuse in color with distinctive grayish green veins throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Garden Gnome Poppy is an open herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

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Garden Gnome Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Garden Gnome Poppy will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, 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. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.