East Bay Nursery

## Firefly Tickseed

***Coreopsis 'Firefly'***



*Firefly Tickseed flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

Stunning yellow flowers with contrasting, deep crimson centers on a tidy, compact mound of foliage; blooming from early summer to mid-fall, an excellent addition to borders, beds, containers or fresh-cut arrangements; low maintenance and easy to grow



*Firefly Tickseed flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Firefly Tickseed is smothered in stunning yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes and crimson centers at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Firefly Tickseed is an open herbaceous perennial 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Firefly Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Firefly Tickseed will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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!

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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Firefly Tickseed 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.