East Bay Nursery

San Gabriel Blue Daisy

Felicia amelloides 'San Gabriel'



San Gabriel Blue Daisy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Blue Marguerite, Kingfisher Daisy, Blue Felicia

Description:

Covered with small, sky blue daisy-like flowers throughout the summer and fall, this sub-shrub is generally grown as an annual in cooler areas, but will form a shrubby spreading habit in its growth zones; wonderful along walkways, or in containers



San Gabriel Blue Daisy in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

San Gabriel Blue Daisy has masses of beautiful sky blue daisy flowers with yellow eyes rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

San Gabriel Blue Daisy is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

San Gabriel Blue Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

San Gabriel Blue Daisy will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

San Gabriel Blue Daisy makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.