



Othello Rayflower

Ligularia dentata 'Othello'

Plant Height: 30 inches

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

Large purple-green leaves with maroon undersides and stems. Golden yellow daisy-like flowers. Good cut flower.

Ornamental Features

Othello Rayflower features bold panicles of gold daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large serrated round leaves emerge deep purple in spring, turning dark green in color with curious purple undersides and tinges of deep purple throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Othello Rayflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Othello Rayflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens



Othello Rayflower flowers
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Planting & Growing

Othello Rayflower will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

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