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Summertime Alstroemeria Alstroemeria 'Summertime'

Height: 24 inches Spread: 24 inches Spacing: 16 inches Sunlight: O Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Peruvian Lily

Description:

A charming variety blooming profusely throughout the summer and autumn; creamy white flowers are flushed with peach and buttery yellow and flecked with burgundy; a great accent piece in garden beds, borders and containers; great cut flower quality

Ornamental Features

Summertime Alstroemeria features showy bracted creamy white trumpet-shaped flowers with peach overtones and a buttery yellow flare at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Summertime Alstroemeria is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summertime Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Summertime Alstroemeria flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Summertime Alstroemeria in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

Summertime Alstroemeria will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Summertime Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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