

## Black-Eyed Susan

A wonderful perennial for the late summer garden! Black-eyed Susans, botanically known as *Rudbeckia* spp., are real show-stoppers in the late summer garden. They look stunning in a mass planting and are especially fine mixed with other typical late summer plants such as *Sedum* and *Perovskia* (Russian Sage).



Plant them in full sun with well-draining soil. They will do quite well in poorer soils and are hardy in USDA Zones 4 - 10. Rudbeckias form 2' wide clumps and self-seed, so give them plenty of room.



The gold daisy-type flowers with the distinctive dark brown centers, or eyes, are attractive to butterflies and make excellent cut flowers.



Once the flowers are spent, leave the seed heads until next spring for small songbirds to enjoy over the winter. Should you need to divide your clump of Rudbeckias, just dig them up with a shovel in the spring and replant elsewhere in your yard or share with a friend!

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