

# The Best of Every Season



Solanna<sup>™</sup> Sunset Bright Tickseed Coreopsis grandiflora 'Solanna Sunset Bright'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Large Flowered Tickseed

Group/Class: Solanna Series

#### **Description:**

Striking, upright stems of golden yellow blooms with crimson center rings and golden eyes; an abundance of flowers over mounds of green foliage; tolerant of pests and drier soils, thriving in sandy and rocky soils

#### **Ornamental Features**

Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed features showy semi-double yellow round 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 narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes



Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.



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Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Solanna Sunset Bright Tickseed will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.

Solanna Sunset Bright 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.