Dwarf Tickseed

Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Mouse Ear Tickseed

Dwarf Tickseed flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

Dwarf, compact plant with cheery, daisy-like yellow flowers with a prominent central gold disk; tolerant of pests and drier soils; thriving in sandy and rocky soils

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Tickseed is smothered in stunning yellow daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

Dwarf Tickseed in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Tickseed is an open herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

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.

Dwarf Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Dwarf Tickseed will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.

Dwarf 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.