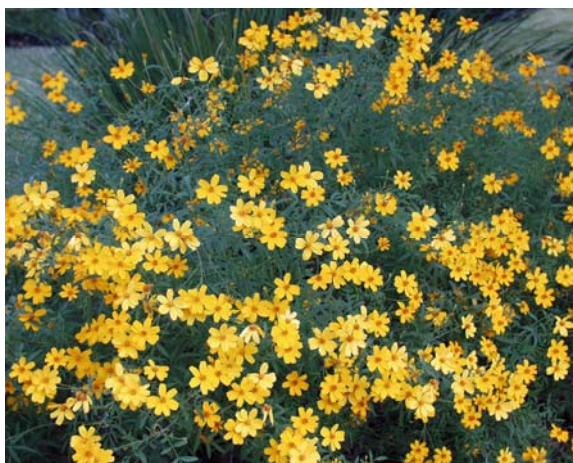


Copper Canyon Daisy - *Tagetes lemmonii*

One of the best perennials for fall color in Texas is the Copper Canyon Daisy. With its bright yellow daisies, it's a nice companion plant to fall asters or Mexican bush sage. It blooms in the short-day seasons of fall and early spring. The overcast days of spring can extend the bloom period.

The copper canyon daisy grows to a 3' x 4' height/spread, so give it plenty of room. However it can be pruned to the size and shape you want, just stop pruning by mid-summer. The finely divided foliage is extremely fragrant—liked by some, disliked by others. The fragrance is released when rubbed or brushed against, and is citrus-woody, anise-like. Copper canyon daisy has high heat & drought tolerance, and is a good choice for hard to landscape areas such as west-facing walls or high reflective light area. It does fine on thin alkaline soil, but blooms more prolifically and is a denser plant when grown in moist, well-drained soils or cultivated beds.



It has few disease or pest problems, including spider mites, and is deer resistant. Copper canyon makes a good xeric plant and even does well in the coastal areas.

After the first frost, prune heavily and mulch heavily and then prune again in early summer for fall blooming.

Propagate either from division of existing clumps in the spring, or by taking cuttings, which root quickly.