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SPECIES	Gazania x hybrida
COMMON NAME	Daisy
ORIGIN	South Africa
DESIGN USE	As a groundcover, edging, rock gardens and coastal gardens



HEIGHT

10–20cm

SPREAD

30–60cm

HABIT

Evergreen prostrate mat-forming herbaceous plant.

FLOWERS

Daisy heads to 6cm diameter held above the foliage, normally in white-yellow-orange range.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring, Summer and Autumn

VARIATIONS

“Carnival Hybrids” (silver-green foliage and flowers in pink, rose, bronze, and red shades, sometimes striped)

“Chansonette” (wide flowers in lemon, orange, gold, apricot, and pink-red shades)

“Harlequin Hybrids” (flowers in shades of yellow, orange, brown, pink, and red, each with a brown zone around the central disk)

“Mini Star Hybrids” (bright yellow, red, pink, and orange flowers on neat, compact plants)

“Talent Mixed” (short stems, with finely cut silvery leaves and flowers in pastel and strong colors)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

In subtropical beach areas it often neutralizes on sand dunes where it tolerates salt spray.

HORTICULTURE

Requires full sun and excellent drainage. Grows well in poor sandy soils with excellent drainage. Over-moist conditions cause fungal attack. Wind and salt tolerant. Grows on steep, exposed dry banks of varying soil types.

REFERENCES

<http://www.westone.wa.gov.au>

<http://www.gardencenters.com/library/azbiann/g/Gazania.htm>

