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Lil' Bang™ Red Elf Tickseed - New For 2026!

Coreopsis 'Red Elf'



Lil' Bang Red Elf Tickseed flowers
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Height: 10 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Lil' Bang Series

Description:

A compact variety with stunning, daisy-like, burgundy-red flowers with golden centers; petal tips become frosted with white in midsummer heat; tolerant of pests and drier soils; thriving in sandy and rocky soils; needs good drainage

Ornamental Features

Lil' Bang Red Elf Tickseed is smothered in stunning burgundy daisy flowers with red overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lil' Bang Red Elf 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.

Lil' Bang Red Elf Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Lil' Bang Red Elf Tickseed will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Lil' Bang Red Elf 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.