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‘Gold Rush Yellow’



‘Blazing Orange’



‘White Kodiak’



‘Tobago’

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Family: Asteraceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** herbaceous

**Leaf Color:** dark green

**Fall Color:** n/a

**Flower Time:** fall

**Flower Color:** white, yellow, pink, red, bronze and every hue in between!

**Fruit:** Not significant

**Light:** full sun to part shade

**Moisture:** well-drained, especially during winter

**USDA Hardiness**

**Zones:** 5-9

**Insect/Disease Issues:**

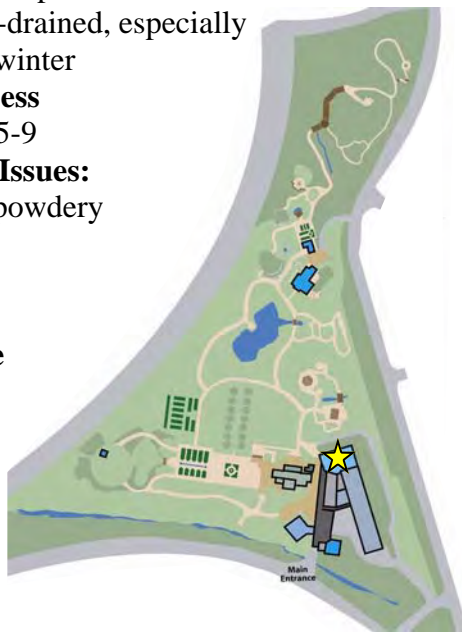
Aphids, mites, powdery mildew

**Nativity:**

China, Japan

**Location in the Gardens:**

Conservatory



## Landscape Value:

A celebrated herbaceous perennial that is sometimes a challenge to grow in Iowa because of winter-hardiness issues. Two major cultivar classifications exist—garden (or hardy) and florist (or exhibition) types. The latter will not survive Iowa’s winters and the former often doesn’t as well! One to three foot tall and wide plants should be planted in spring to ensure best survival. Fall planted mums should be planted at least six weeks before frost to allow plants to establish. The shallow root system easily heaves in the winter so leave stems and leaves until spring and add a layer of mulch to help plants survive the winter. They also benefit from fertilization—just stop fertilizing after July.

## Notes:

Plants often get leggy. Pinching encourages more compact plants with more blooms. Pinch two or three times by removing the top few inches of each stem. Never pinch after August 1st as you may remove flower buds.

## Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec