



Botanical Name: Thunbergia alata

Common Name: Black-Eyed Susan.

Origin: South Africa

Height/Width: 1-5m x 1m

Habit: Soft wooded perennial climber

Flower: Flowers borne singularly in leaf axils are trumpet shaped with a striking dark maroon or purplish black throat. Flowers in summer and in warmer areas can flower year round.

Leaves: Soft hairy rich green heart-shaped with sometimes toothed margins. Leaves arranged on opposite sides on the stems.



Climate: Temperate to sub-tropical

Soil: Rich, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. Moderate water requirements.

Aspect: Part shade

Prune: Cut back hard in winter.

Drought/Frost: Tolerates dry winters/Tender

Propagation: By seed sown in spring. Fruit is shaped like a bird's head. Take stem cuttings in summer using rooting hormone.

NOTE:

- Cultivars in white, cream or peach-coloured, yellow to deep orange or nearly red flowers.
- Fast growing, long-flowering creeper that doesn't go rampant.
- Attracts butterflies.