



DALEA CAPITATA SIERRA GOLD™

GROUND
COVER

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: *Dalea capitata* **Sierra Gold**™ is a cold-hardy, durable, attractive groundcover that produces an abundance of yellow flowers in the spring and fall. This plant forms a low, dense, bright green mound of foliage which provides a perfect backdrop for the clusters of light yellow flowers. The size, leaf color and flower production make this a highly desirable addition to any landscape. As an added benefit, the foliage has the scent of lemons when handled or crushed. Perhaps the foliage tastes bitter too, since rabbits seem to avoid it! In addition to tolerating temperatures down to 0 ° F, **Sierra Gold**™ also handles the full sun and reflected heat of the low deserts.

DESCRIPTION: *Dalea capitata* **Sierra Gold**™ is a low-growing, spreading plant that grows to 8 - 12 inches tall by 3 - 4 feet across. It has bright green, fine textured foliage. Each leaf measures about 1 inch long and consists of 7-11 leaflets, each measuring about 3/8 inch long. The light yellow flowers are clustered into moderately dense spikes, which have up to 20-35 flowers and are about 1 inch long.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: **Sierra Gold**™ is easily grown in the landscape. Plant in full sun for best results. It will grow in most soils without amendments. **Sierra Gold**™ grows well with a moderate amount of supplemental water from spring through fall. It has a fast growth rate, responding to the supplemental watering. This clone is hardy to 0° F without any damage. Plants are considered semi-deciduous and can be cut back about halfway in the winter. One drawback that has been noticed in Phoenix is their susceptibility to whiteflies.

IDENTIFICATION: *Dalea capitata* **Sierra Gold**™ (trademarked by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery) is readily distinguished from all other cultivated *Dalea* species by the combination of size and flower color. Currently there are no other low growing, yellow flowered *Dalea* species that have rich green leaves.

LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: **Sierra Gold**™ can be used either singly or massed together to cover large areas. It looks good when used at the base of tall accents like *Nolina matapensis*, *Nolina nelsoni*, or *Dasylyrion longissimum*. Its green foliage looks great in combination with *Dalea greggii*. It is also very attractive when tucked in between boulders in a rockscape. Because of its compact size and ability to tolerate reflected heat, **Sierra Gold**™ works well in narrow planters along walkways and in street medians.



Plants have also been used successfully on golf course plantings. This groundcover is thriving in both Las Vegas and Palm Desert, demonstrating its adaptability to a wide range of growing conditions.

PRECAUTIONS: *Dalea capitata* **Sierra Gold**™ is susceptible to whiteflies. There are no reports of this plant being attacked by any other insect pests. The flowers will attract some bees. As with all of the *Daleas*, be careful not to overwater, especially in soils with poor drainage.

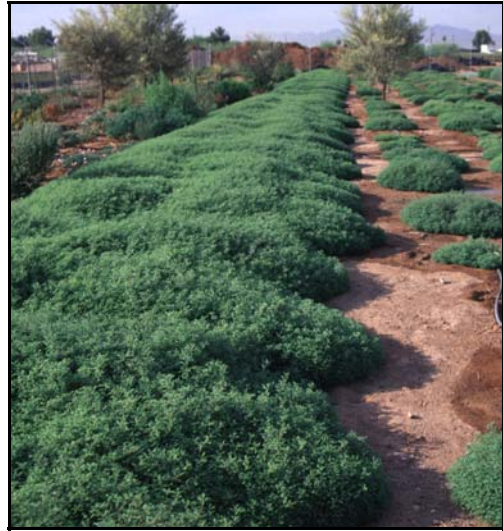
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Dalea capitata **Sierra Gold™** in a Phoenix landscape, with *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri* **Autumn Glow™** in the background.



Sierra Gold™ thriving in a trial garden at Mountain States.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	8-12 inches x 3-4 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring and fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	0° F USDA 7
PRUNING	Shear in early spring.
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, El Paso, West Texas, Houston, South Texas



Sierra Gold™ in full bloom in the spring

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