



ZINNIA GRANDIFLORA PRAIRIE ZINNIA

Prairie zinnia is one of the best perennial groundcovers for higher elevations. Individual plants are about 6 inches tall by 12 to 15 inches wide, but they spread by underground stems to form colonies. It blooms through the summer and into fall with yellow-orange daisy-like flowers. After blooming, the flowers turn dry and papery and persist on the plant. Since the plant goes deciduous, winter is an ideal time to trim plants back. Prairie zinnia grows naturally on arid hillsides and mesas throughout much of the Southwest at elevations from 2000 to 6000 feet. It handles full sun, reflected heat, and rocky soils like a champ. However, too much water can do it in! Individual plants are long-lived, and can reseed to expand the population. Deer and rabbits are said to avoid Prairie zinnia. USDA Zone 5.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	6 inches x 12-15 inches
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring - Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 5
PRUNING	Cut back in winter



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