

Melempodium leucanthum Blackfoot Daisy

Most people in the low deserts are aware of this tough little perennial, but may not be aware that it recovers from temperatures down to -20° F! The small white daisy flowers of Blackfoot daisy have yellow centers, and cover the small mound of foliage during the bloom season. In low deserts the flowering is heaviest in spring and fall, while summer is the showiest season in the high deserts. The plant itself has narrow grey-green leaves, and grows to a size of about 12 inches tall by 15 to 18 inches wide. The stems are quite brittle, so it is not suited to high traffic areas. Plant Blackfoot daisy in full sun, well-drained soil, and be careful not to over water. It is highly tolerant of reflected heat exposures. It is reported to be deer resistant.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	12 in. x 15-18 in.
FLOWER COLOR	White
FLOWER SEASON	Spring through fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 5
PRUNING	None



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