

FALSE SUNFLOWER (OX-EYE SUNFLOWERS)

HELIOPSIS HELIANTHOIDES – LORRAINE SUNSHINE AND SUNSTRUCK CULTIVARS

VARIEGATED FOLIAGE CULTIVARS

'Lorraine Sunshine'

'Sunstruck' – more compact, has more ray florets and a deeper flower colour than 'Lorraine Sunshine.'

FOLIAGE

Coarse, serrate, ovate to lance-shaped, variegated leaves are cream and green colour with green veins. Bushy, well-branched form. Greens up a bit in the heat of summer.

FLOWERS

2-2.5 in (4-5 cm) golden yellow single flowers atop stiff stems that seldom need staking; blooms throughout the summer if deadheaded.

HARDINESS ZONE

4 to 9.

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Full sun; heat and drought tolerant; may need staking if in too much shade

SIZE

Height: 2-3 feet (60-90 cm); Width: 12-14 inches (30-35 cm). Grows in clump.

GROWTH RATE

Average growth rate; if not deadheaded, will seed and new plants will maintain the variegated foliage; easy to dig and divide.

WATER / SOIL REQUIREMENT

Average dry to medium soil that is well-drained; will tolerate poor soil.

PESTS

Generally pest free but some susceptibility to aphids.

PLACEMENT

Excellent tall perennial for the middle or back of the flower border. Can be used in containers, as a cut flower, as a focal piece or to attract butterflies.



Sources

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