






# TAGETES LEMMONII


## Mt. Lemmon Marigold


 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to AZ and Mexico

### Why we love it...

This fast growing, wild looking native is easily distinguished by the strong scent it emits when you brush against or crush the leaves. Interpretations of the aroma can vary; some people find the smell fresh and pleasing, while others find it too overpowering. Most importantly, bunnies, deer and insect pests seem to steer completely clear of this drought tolerant shrub, sometimes avoiding everything in the vicinity of where it's planted.

It's possible for Mt. Lemmon marigold to stay green and flower through mild winters, but this perennial often freezes to the ground and grows to full size again by the next summer. Shorter days in fall bring on the best display of dark yellow daisy-like blooms, but spring is also a great time to see an impressive display of flowers and the myriad of butterflies that are drawn to them.



**Lydia says:** Mt. Lemmon marigold grows very quickly and can become a bit rangy if not pruned regularly. Pruning just after the springtime flush of flowers will help to keep it in shape.

### Perennial Shrub: *Tagetes lemmonii*

**Size (H x W):** 2-3 feet x 3-6 feet

**Blooms:** Yellow daisy-like flowers in spring and fall

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 15° F, USDA Zone 8

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** Spring after flowering

**Growth Rate:** Moderate to fast

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