

Chocolate Scented Daisy



Berlandiera lyrata

- **Use:** This beauty wins the “Chocolate Fragrance Award” with quarter-size, vibrant, yellow daisies with striking red striped undersides and chocolate-colored stamens. A small plant with an airy habit, they makes a nice, informal edging plant, and is most impressive and most fragrant when planted in groups.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun to partial sun. Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Keep soil moist watering under leaves and flowers for best results.
- **Growth:** It rapidly reaches 18” tall and about 2 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-11; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, Grayish, elongated, lobed foliage look like dandelion leaves.
- **Flower:** Clear yellow daisies, with eight petals in a simple ray shape. The eye of the daisies are green, and upon close inspection, you may notice the little burgundy pollen filaments bearing yellow anthers. In the morning, the distinct aroma of the chocolate flower is the strongest. In the heat of the afternoon, the flowers may look a bit listless, but they will revive the following day. The fragrant stamens also taste like cocoa, or more accurately like unsweetened chocolate. But, they are much more enjoyable adding their delicious fragrance to the garden than being eaten.



Although native to the Southwest, Chocolate Scented Daisy has shown itself to be adaptable to a wide spectrum of conditions. A night bloomer, the flowers offer up their rich cocoa scent in the morning. As the temperature

rises the petals close or drop and the fragrance recedes. Native to Texas, it was first collected by botanist Jean-Louis Berlandier in the early 1800s.

