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PASSIONFRUIT DAISY

Tagetes Sp.

Smells like Passionfruit looks like a Daisy!



DESCRIPTION
Perennial, evergreen small shrub. If you love the scent of Passionfruit this is the plant for you! Easy to grow, likes well drained soil. Very hardy. Masses of golden yellow flowers predominately in winter which is wonderful as not a lot of perennial plants flower at this time of the year. Flowering does continue throughout most of the year though.



USES
The main uses for this plant are its wonderful perfume and its companion planting benefits such as pest repellent actions. As for medicinal qualities, it is certainly not in mainstream use. Tagetes excrete a substance from their roots which kill soil nematodes, especially in roses and tomatoes. Reports speak of tomatoes bearing more fruit when grown next to Tagetes.

They also combat potato nematodes and repel white fly in tomatoes and the Mexican bean beetle in beans. The leaves can be made into a spray.

You can also look at some other organic methods for your new garden.

Try these links for non chemical pesticides & pest repellents;

http://www.herbherbert.com/natural_insect_spray.php
(substitute this recipe with your passion fruit daisy leaves)

http://www.herbherbert.com/pdf/pest_repellent.pdf



CULTIVATION
Frequent tipping will stop the plant growing leggy.
H 4-6ft/1.5-2m.

Try some companion planting;

http://www.herbherbert.com/pdf/companion_planting.pdf

and compost making;

http://www.herbherbert.com/pdf/compost_herbs.pdf



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