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# Pyrethrum

## *Chrysanthemum cinerariifolium*

There are about 70 species of annuals and perennials in this genus, which ranges throughout northern temperate regions. Many are aromatic, containing pungent volatile oils and insecticidal compounds that may cause unpleasant reactions if handled, or consumed in excess.

### DESCRIPTION

*Tanacetum cinerariifolium* (Pyrethrum), syn. *Chrysanthemum cinerariifolium* is a perennial with slender, hairy stems and oblong to ovate, divided leaves. Solitary flowers with white ray petals and yellow disc florets appear from early summer to early autumn.

The dried flowers are finely ground and added to Talcum Powder to make an insecticidal dust.

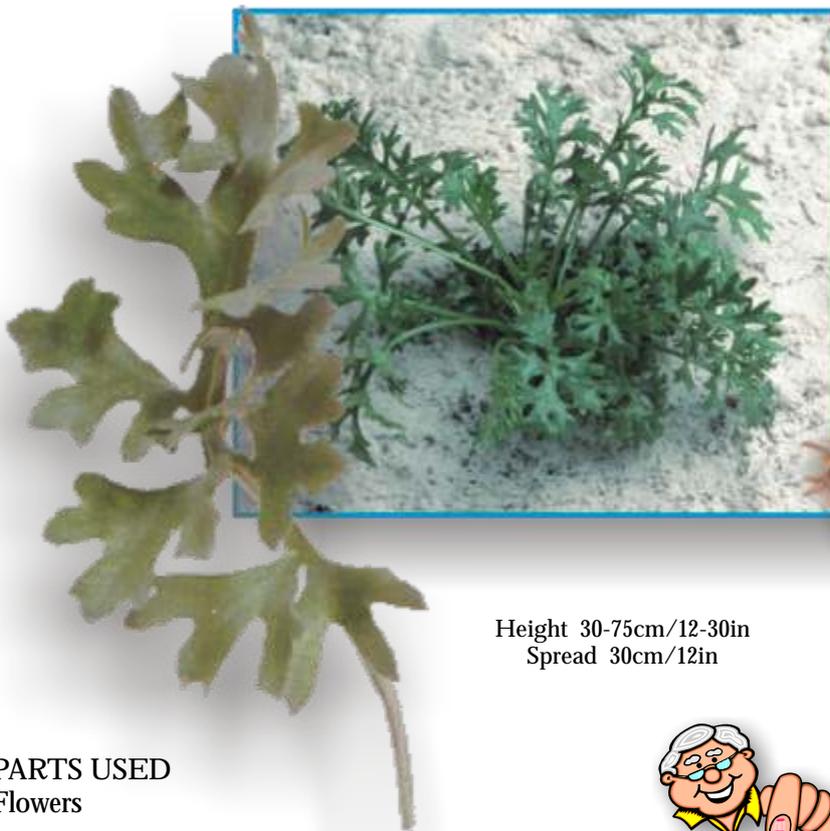
### CULTIVATION

Well-drained soil in full sun.

Propagate by seed sown in spring or autumn, or by division in spring and autumn, or by basal cuttings in spring.

### HARVEST

Flowers are picked as they open and dried for powder.



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Height 30-75cm/12-30in  
Spread 30cm/12in

### PYRETHRUM ALL PURPOSE SPRAY

(Effective against most soft bodied insects)

Most important is to obtain the correct plant *Chrysanthemum cinerariifolium* Pyrethrum. You can identify this by its small *Chrysanthemum* daisy-type flowers. The other plant on the market sold as Pyrethrum has a large red *Chrysanthemum* flower; easy to distinguish.

Pyrethrum is a very effective spray as it effects the nervous system of the insects and works very fast to eradicate.

Directions: Grind Pyrethrum Flower heads in a mortar and pestle. Sprinkle powder over effected plants or as a preventative. This spray will even kill bees, so maybe a dust can be made in the evening while bees are away.

### PARTS USED

Flowers

### PROPERTIES

An aromatic herb with strong insecticidal effects.

### USES OF THE HERB

Insect Repellent

Dried flowers are used in insecticides and fumigates, especially in sprays to control pests and insect-borne diseases in aircrafts.



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