



Bedford Fields

For your Home, Garden & Pets



Giant Yellow Scabious

Cephalaria gigantea

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Ornamental Features

Giant Yellow Scabious features airy buttery yellow pincushion flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Giant Yellow Scabious is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Giant Yellow Scabious is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Giant Yellow Scabious will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 6 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Giant Yellow Scabious flowers
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